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Invisible

Gays in the Military. Year of the Woman. Suddenly, we are everywhere in the media, and yet we are nowhere. They think they know who we are but they haven't got a clue, have they? ➧ *On April 26, we as a community can make a massive, collective statement that can change all that, when hundreds of thousands of us take over our nation's capital to call for the basic dignity we deserve as human beings.* ➧ *They will only learn who we are if we make ourselves visible. Come out to your family. Come out to your friends. Come out on the job. Come to D.C. and come out to the country. We are the only ones that can make them see us as we truly are.* **We will be visible.**

(letters)

Giving Them Ammunition

As someone who has gone way out in the media on this issue (*New Yorker,* April 5), I found your March 25 cover a bit much. To be sure, Tim Kingston's story ["A Military Solution to Our Civil Rights?"] was even-handed. Unfortunately, it's the *SF Bay Times'* cover, not the cover story, that sticks out—like the Dick Hongisto cover. People forget the excellent reporting that went with it; all anybody remembers is "Dick's Cool New Tool."

In this case, the cover—"We Deserve the Right to Kill, Too!"—struck a discordant note. For that matter, so does the intra-community criticism. A number of us have put careers and even lives at risk for the rest of our people, and now we're told we're irrelevant to "alliances and coalitions that form a more fundamental challenge to American power." Alliances and coalitions? With whom? Straight progressives are all straight, and we can find homophobia all across the political spectrum, not just to the right. Assimilating with someone else's ideology is still assimilationism. Let me suggest that our loyalty should be to each other.

Those of us fighting the U.S. military have no wish to assimilate, but to *be,* without compromise or apology. It's well to be openly, proudly gay at 18th and Castro, but to be able to do it at Ft. Benning, Ga., would be a truly fundamental challenge to American power. What's more, queers have a military tradition that pre-dates the United States by 2,000 years: the Sacred Band of Thebes, the Amazons, the Companion Cavalry of Macedon, the Druid priestesses who faced down the Roman legions, the Buccaneer Brethren of the Coast. It's a very ancient and very queer heritage.

Please remember that we didn't pick this battleground or this timing. Our enemies did. Remember Stonewall? We didn't choose that one, either. The 1969 Stonewall clash was over a seedy hustler bar with dirty glasses—yet it became our Bunker Hill: something sacred, and rightly so. Today's battle is more like Stalingrad.

And it is a Stalingrad. Those of us fighting this battle are outnumbered, and we have our backs to the river. The Nazis have the high ground; it's a turning point, and if they break through they win everything. Clinton—such that he is—will be discredited, we'll have another Republican president in '96, and queers will be blamed. At the very least, you can kiss off any more AIDS money, or a federal civil rights bill, or any redress of womyn's or African-American grievances. At worst, the queer-bashing raids—the Saturday night search-and-destroy missions mounted from local bases into our ghettoes—will escalate.

If you can't fight with us, then please don't fight against us. Oppositionism will only provide our enemies with ammunition, and they have plenty as it is.

Maj. Robert D. Harmon
Mill Valley

Kicked in the Teeth

In my three years in the Navy, I have never been trained to kill. In fact, my primary mission as a corpsman is to save lives. The March 25 cover was a disgusting display of sarcasm. Obviously, someone somewhere isn't getting the point. Please let me explain.

The military breeds three things: dedicated professionals, alcoholics and homophobes. Recruits, usually fresh from high school, are taught being queer is bad. They are taught queers are nonpersons. They are even taught it's okay to beat queers to death. Lifting the ban means the end of sanctioned and rehearsed discrimination based on sexual orientation of one of the largest employers in the country. Once the ban is gone, attitudes within the military will have to change. Homophobia will not be acceptable. Queer service members will be able to demand the respect and dignity they deserve without fearing for their jobs. None of this will happen overnight. However, there must be a beginning.

As a lesbian, I belong to the group least likely to be infected with HIV. Because of this fact, am I apathetic toward issues concerning AIDS? No, because those issues affect a significant percentage of my community, and I give a shit. Why, then, are some of those quoted in Tim Kingston's article so wishy-washy over spending the energy to lifting the ban?

In a perfect world, there would be no need for a military. Sadly, we do not live in a perfect world. I do not agree with most of what the military does. Some days I regret ever enlisting. And some days (around bill time) I'm glad I did. I'm glad I have a job where I can help people. I'm not glad I have to live in constant fear and paranoia.

As for the people like Eibhlyn and Woods, who seem to feel obligated to support lifting the ban and demonstrate the enthusiasm of a tree slug in doing so, do me a favor: Don't fucking bother. I wouldn't want anyone to lose sleep over fighting for the rights of trigger-happy, gun-toting maniacs like the types that join the military.

I can't figure out which feels worse: Dealing with homophobic assholes all day at work, or being kicked in the teeth by my own community.

Laura Casey
Alameda

Don't Support Criminals

To me it seemed you were totally out of line vocally garding the outrageous rioters and looters who made an attempt to wreck the downtown area of San Francisco during the Los Angeles riots last spring. We residents of Los Angeles were stunned, though not surprised, at the actions taken by the San Francisco criminals who were not interested in the rights of law-abiding citizens. Do what you wish if you must, but not in our name.

We only ask that when the two new verdicts come in, San Francisco—and the *SF Bay Times* in particular—mind its own business. Don't support the criminals in our name. You've got plenty of problems without any more. SF lost a hell-of-a-good police chief and the gay community lost an ally. Let us solve our problems. We'll let you solve yours.

During the 1933 California earthquake, looters were shot—we didn't have many of them!

Richard E. Garland
Burbank

Separation Anxiety

An open letter to President Clinton:

We recently wrote you a letter announcing the formation of our Democratic Club and our desire to work with your administration in presenting your agenda to the American people. Our club is comprised of some of your most devoted and enthusiastic campaign workers and volunteers.

It is in this spirit that we write to you concerning your comments at your recent press conference regarding the role of gays and lesbians in the military. The fact that separation of military assignments is even being considered has created a great deal of anxiety and distress in our new organization. We strongly urge you to reconsider this as a viable option.

The San Francisco gay and lesbian community endorsed your candidacy wholeheartedly and joined the local campaign efforts with a great deal of enthusiasm. Many people in this community are now feeling anguished and confused by your recent comments. We know that you still, as always, are committed to liberty and justice for all, and that you will always stand up to end discrimination wherever you see it.

We sincerely hope that you will take our comments to heart. Our club remains committed to working with your administration and assisting you in any way possible in rallying support for your agenda to revitalize America. Please let us know to what extent we can be helpful. Thank you very much for your time and your consideration.

Robert Kane
President, Clinton/Gore Democratic Club
San Francisco

True Perversion

While I understand that our issues find us while we are seeking others, and that we have to use the ones that find us, I am saddened that the issue of gays in the military has become the leading issue of gay rights. I am a veteran. My experience of the military is that it is an unnecessary presence in our society that is used in immoral ways by immoral people. So when gays participate in the military they at last truly become perverts, along with the rest.

John J. Wike
San Francisco

Unnecessary Cruelty

We've been great admirers of the way Keith Meinhold has gallantly stood up to the military, but we were deeply disappointed that he agreed to be grand marshal at the 1993 Gay Rodeo. He's misguided if he can't see the similarity between the oppression of gay people by macho political/military U.S. government leaders and animals who are subjected to unnecessary cruelty in rodeos.

What good is achieved in maintaining the ban on gays in the military except to satisfy homophobic bigotry? What good is achieved by forcing animals to sustain physical pain and terrible emotional

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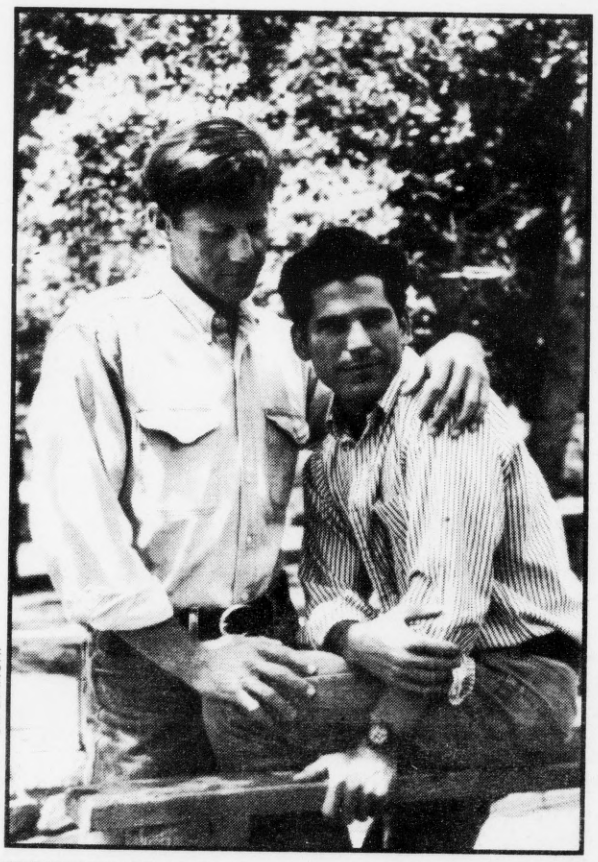

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humiliation at the hands of modern-day macho cowboys except to entertain the folks, many of whom are gay and should know better? As gay men who have always respected the fundamental rights and inherent value of all living beings we call out to each and every gay person to boycott any and all rodeos, whenever and wherever they're held, including the 1993 Gay Rodeo.

Donald Harig, David Klein,
Richard Reynolds
San Mateo

Rodeo as Celebration

Recently a number of elected officials, organizations and businesses as well as the gay and lesbian press throughout the Bay Area received a mailing from Gays and Friends for Animal Rights urging that they not support the Bay Area Regional Rodeo, which will be held at the Cow Palace on May 21, 22 and 23.

In this mailing, Gays and Friends for Animal Rights stated that, among other things, it had "recently received from the office of San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden a list of AIDS support organizations which were to have been beneficiaries of the 1992 S.F. Gay Rodeo." In addition, AIDS organizations were urged to refuse any monies which might be raised by the event.

Following receipt of this mailing, some AIDS service organizations declined to take part in Carnival West, the fundraising midway at Rodeo '93 being organized to benefit these groups. Some cited schedule conflicts, while others stated insufficient people resources. More specifically, there were groups that clearly acknowledged they were caught between "animal rights" issues and the fear of retribution from City Hall should they participate in Carnival West and/or accept money raised by the event.

In 1992, Supervisor Migden graciously assisted in guiding us through the permit process. As a show of appreciation, she was invited and accepted the honor to serve as grand marshal for Rodeo '92.

I have contacted Supervisor Migden's office and was assured that again our event has her full support. Her office released the list of beneficiaries at the request of Gays and Friends for Animal Rights because it is a matter of public record and not, as was intimated in the mailing, for any other reason.

Personally, I would be interested in City Hall's reaction to any AIDS service provider that deems itself so flush it can afford to refuse funds. There are, after all, human beings involved, so any individual's decision not to accept funds certainly affects a multitude of others.

I write this as a PWA and as director of a large event that involves the lifestyle of a certain group of people known as cowboys and cowgirls. In the many years of my participation, the AIDS epidemic has followed the gay rodeo circuit. Through my work on this event in San Francisco, and countless hours put in by the volunteer staff, one of our goals has been to raise AIDS awareness among cowboys and cowgirls from rural areas whose only social connection to their community is through gay rodeo.

There are those in the animal rights movement who do not agree with the utilization of animals in any capacity. These animal rights groups oppose the keeping of animals as pets, the presence of animals in zoos and circuses, and the use of animals in the development of life-saving drugs.

The members of these groups should be able to voice their views and disseminate any information they feel is pertinent to their beliefs—that is, as long as it is factual, well-researched and based on first-hand observation, since most of the exaggerated accusations of abuse made by animal rights groups toward gay rodeo are based on erroneous information drawn from straight "backwoods" rodeos.

Animal rights supporters take the position that animals are equal or superior to humans based on their ability to make choices for themselves, and that any use by humans is unjust. Further, these groups infringe on the differences of the lesbian and gay community by attempting to persuade others to conform to their beliefs, giving the impression that the gay rodeo community is anti-animal. This is patently false, as the sponsoring organizations of these celebrations wish to demonstrate a positive force in the community while proving the diversity of our community.

Patron of gay rodeo support animal welfare, and the humane, responsible treatment of animals in their housing, feeding and exercising, and hygienic and medical needs. These women and men further believe that the raising of animals in a humane manner to be pets or recreational companions is rewarding for both the animals and the humans involved.

Rodeo '92 as a first-time event was not successful financially, but the highly favorable post-event public response, including coverage by the three network affiliates, CNN, and the straight and gay papers, clearly demonstrated why gay rodeo as a celebration of an American cultural lifestyle continues to grow in popularity (in 1992 alone these events attracted nealry 36,000 spectators). Based upon interest expressed so far, I have no doubt that Rodeo '93 will indeed be a resounding success.

Robert V. Marvin
Director, Bay Area Regional Rodeo
San Francisco

Don't Boycott Parade

Well, here we are stuck with a parade theme not many agree with. I feel the magic of the parade is broken. The parade organizers are saying, "Please do boycott. No one will miss you." Well!

Gays and lesbians aren't put off so easily. Having had to protest against injustice and police abuse, fighting off gay-bashers, learning to love ourselves and burying our friends too early, no one tells me to stay home from a parade that is second only to Christmas. To the gays and lesbians who feel excluded from the parade this year, join us at Market and 2nd at 11 am on the day of the parade. We will walk counter to the parade toward the Civic Center in protest of being excluded.

Perhaps next year the *Bay Area Reporter, Sentinel* and *SF Bay Times* can be used to vote on a theme for the parade so that something more relevant and politically correct will be chosen by the community at large and not just by a few queers.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

"Queer" Isn't Me

I've never written a letter to a newsraper, but I can hold my tongue no more. The parade theme insults me. "Queer" isn't me, it never will be, and I want my voice reprehensive.

Nothing queers have done is receptacle. All they want is to scare straightaways. How dare they protest you lying down the Catholic church? How can they ride themselves on something as important as a float? I'm finding it hard to stay off off the closet when compared to drag queens and women with dildomes over their habits, making a speculum of themselves as a public event!

I could never be a clown in a parade for cancer. I could never be in a marching band for the hard of hearing repaired. I could never drink at a party for hydroponics. I could never be in the school play, on the football team, at the junior prom, on the student council—but that's not imported now.

All I want is the right to walk down the street holding the ham of the man I glove. Reactors say our infected officials won't listen to us, but, as we all blow, letter righting, telephone bawls, and pride gay sellabrasions can be an empowermy tool for a change. (All spelling errands completely attentional.)

Dale Tegman
San Francisco

Dangerous Words

Why do gays get mad when some stranger in a passing car screams "faggot" at them? And why then is it okay for gays to call each other "faggot" or "queer"?

Black people do the same thing. Some call each other "nigger." But if a white person should call a Black person nigger it would be war. It saddens me to think that so many gays and lesbians put themselves down this way. "Nigger" and "faggot" are not words that I, as a gay person, would want to be labeled. It angers me that even large gay groups that are fighting for equal rights and against homophobic attacks choose names like "Queer Nation." Do we really expect other people to stop such name-calling and to think of us as gay people (or just other human beings) when we call each other "faggot" and "queer"?

To me this is ignorant and will only serve to keep the downtrodden down. "Faggots" and "queers" have no place in my world, and I ask my friends to be conscious not to refer to me as such and to look at themselves and ask how they feel about accepting themselves as queers or faggots. We must change the way we feel about ourselves before we expect other people to change the way they see us.

Words can be very dangerous. So please let us all remove words such as "faggot" and "queer" from our vocabulary, as well as any other words that keep us feeling like we are less-than-worthy people and second-class citizens.

Ted Radamaker
San Francisco

Because Words Hurt

To all those who still don't get it.... Recently, I was in a restaurant. Sitting in the booth next to me was a group of middle-aged Black men discussing whether or not there would be riots again if the second Rodney King verdict turns out the same as the first.

One of the men kept using the word "nigger." Every time he said it, one of his companions would say, "Don't use that word. Don't use that word!" Finally, the second man got so aggravated by his friend's use of this word that he got up and moved to a booth by himself.

I mustered my courage and approached him, explained to him that I was a homosexual and that within our community we are having a heated debate over the use of the word "queer." I told him I felt as strongly against using the word "queer" as he was about the use of the word "nigger." I asked him why he was so adamant. His reply was very simple: "Words hurt!"

I offered the argument that by using the word "nigger" as an in-your-face rebuttal to those who would use it for slander, the impact of the usage would be diminished. Again his answer was simple and succinct: "You don't suddenly accept a word that has been used for over 400 years to define your character and keep you down. Would you allow your mother to be called a 'bitch' or your out-of-wedlock child a 'bastard,' just so the person doing the name-calling would feel less empowered? No matter how many times you might try to laugh off the person who uses the words to defame, you will always be hurt deep down. And, what's worse, to have these words used by members of your own culture, is not only an indication of a lack of self-respect by the user, but also a lack of respect for your brothers and sisters."

Bill Smith
San Francisco

Beyond Effeminate

Having read Thom Bean's "Bean Sprouts" in the March 25 issue of *SF Bay Times*, I wish to use his unfortunate word choice to make a point about the meaning of language. Several times during his personal, important and interesting piece on drag and the perceptions of it, Mr. Bean refers to "effeminate men." Although I believe that I understand whom he intends to describe with those words, I feel obliged to remark on the meaning of "effeminate" in that context.

Men who wear what is traditionally considered women's attire have long been (pejoratively) referred to as "effeminate," reinforcing the notion that being female, or by extension, a woman, might be a negative state. In reality, most females I know (male-to-female transsexuals as well as woman-born children and adults) do not manifest the campy, limp-wristed demeanor of "effeminate" queens. In other words "effeminate" is not only symbolic of a long-standing misogyny but is literally incorrect.

In agreeing with Mr. Bean about the necessity for us as a gay, lesbian, bi, transgender community—as well as us in the world—to continually inspect and revise our perceptions and judgments, I am taking his argument one step further to the inspection and revision of our accepted language.

I do not offer an alternative to the word "effeminate" for the men whom Mr. Bean describes. I can only say that "effeminate" is not the right word and that we must all keep searching.

Laura L. Post
Alameda

Delusions

Why write about drag ("Bean Sprouts," *SF Bay Times*, March 25) if all you're going to do is trot out the old cliches? This summary of drag theories becomes especially irritating when you realize that the ideas were confused or just plain wrong the *first* time they were expressed.

First let me say that I got over my initial queasiness about drag years ago. Since that time I have had some of the most extraordinary and entertaining times of my life in the company of drag queens.

Having said that, I must admit that I have trouble controlling my laughter when drag is described as a political act. Certainly there are political men who are drag queens; but if drag itself was ever a political act it ceased being one many years ago. Even the silliest and most self-important drag queen would be embarrassed to describe her actions as political. (I admit that I may be missing the hidden political agenda revealed while lip-synching a Basia tune.)

The next cliche your readers are subjected to has got to be the most anticlimactic: Drag is a form of self-expression. Well, OK. Only a fascist would disapprove of that. But let's make sure the definition of self-expression is benevolent and open. Will it be applied to people we may call conservative, preppy, old or, perhaps even, oh my god, unstylish? If so, I will look forward to future columns in which

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They Didn't Like Blacks Either.... "Gays In The Military 101" For The U.S. Senate

by Tim Kingston

"It's 'Gay 101' for the Senate," said Robert Bray, communications director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). On March 29 and 31, Bray sat through two solid days of testimony in Washington, D.C., regarding gays in the military.

"This whole thing has been collapsed to straight male butts," exclaimed an incredulous Bray. "Where are the women? Women are three or four times more likely to be discharged from the military [due to accusations of lesbianism] than men. Yet there is a collective 'homosexual panic' around straight white male butts" being pursued by libidinous gay soldiers, says Bray.

Most of the boys in Washington, D.C., are either not doing their homework or they just don't get it and can't see beyond their own homophobia. Sen. Sam Nunn's (D-Ga.) Armed Services Committee hearings ostensibly focused on how lifting the ban on gays, lesbians and bisexuals would detract from "unit cohesion" in the Armed Forces. But the primary issue that seemed to emerge among many Republican and Democratic Senators at the hearing was a perception that gay men are unable to concentrate on anything beyond cornholing the nearest available fresh-cheeked young recruit who dares to bend over.

The committee plowed the same tired furrow over and over again: The issue of gay identity was seen as identical to the sex act itself. As Sen. William Cohen (R-Maine) noted delicately, "These are interesting paradoxes: You burn a flag and that is free speech. But declaring one's homosexuality is an act." Cohen summed up the opinion of opponents of the ban-lift, saying, "The majority seems to feel the mere declaration will lead to an act."

Of the three witnesses called before the committee, two opposed lifting the ban. Both Dr. Darryl Henderson, former commander of the Army Research Institute, and Dr. David Marlowe, chief of the Department of Military Psychiatry at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research, repeatedly buttressed the contention that being openly gay is identical to engaging in "illegal" gay sex.

A somewhat paranoid Sen. Dan Coats (R-Ind.) alluded to the stereotype of gay men as sexual predators, worrying aloud about having openly gay men around straight soldiers in the "profound intimacy of living together."

Generally, senators and witnesses who were opposed to lifting the ban gave the distinct impression that Sen. Nunn's so-called "compromise measure"—in which the military merely stops asking *the question*—is sufficient reform. "I do not believe that *openly* having gays in the military will work," declared Sen. Jim Exon (D-Neb.). Drs. Marlowe and Henderson agree. They believe gays and lesbians are perfectly acceptable in the military as long as they don't "flaunt" their "lifestyle" or "talk about it."

But proponents of lifting the ban, including Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), argue that the crucial issue is not sexual orientation, but instead, proper conduct. Dr. Lawrence Korb, assistant secretary of defense for manpower in the Reagan administration, was the sole witness in favor of lifting the ban. The point is not "flaunting," Korb said. "The issue is if someone performs well and is found to be gay...[and is] causing no problems, they should stay." Sen. Kennedy agreed with Korb, saying that it is time to make a shift from "status to misconduct" as a reason for forcing individuals out of the military.

All gay/lesbian leaders flatly reject Nunn's "compromise" measure, which leaves out the sexual-orientation question at the time of induction. Torie Osborne, executive director of the NGLTF, says it "avoids the reality." That is, if Nunn's policy is adopted, witch hunts will continue. "There is retribution. There is violence. There is harassment. It begs the entire question and just shows that Sam Nunn does not get it."

Scott Williams, Nunn's press liaison, was asked why the senator could not simply legally recognize the de facto existence of gays and lesbians in the military and lift the ban. "That question is above my pay grade," responded Williams laughing. He argues that serving is a privilege, not a right, and adds that Nunn is "not an adversary of the gay community, as he is portrayed. But he is not a proponent either."

However, David Smith, communications director of the Campaign for Military Service, the coalition of gay and straight groups focused on lifting the ban, warns that Nunn's "compromise" would lead to "one code of military conduct for gays and lesbians and one for straights."

Smith believes that there was too much committee focus on gays and lesbians being unashamedly out, as if that is *the* problem. "Heterosexuals at worst assume that everyone is straight," Smith says, "and when one is otherwise, many heterosexuals say just talking about being gay and lesbian is a proclamation.... We are fighting to just *be* gay or lesbian."

A FLICKERING HOPE

"The burden of scientific proof must be on those who wish to exclude gays from the military," said Lawrence Korb. "We cannot infringe on the rights of any American to serve his or her country unless we can convincingly demonstrate that [their presence]... would prevent the development of cohesion."

Korb said the only way to definitively find out if lifting the ban will impact cohesion in the U.S. military is to change the policy. Korb pointed out that the U.S. military has succeeded, over time, in integrating other maligned groups, and noted that Australia, Canada, the Netherlands and several other nations have dropped the gay ban without their military forces disintegrating.

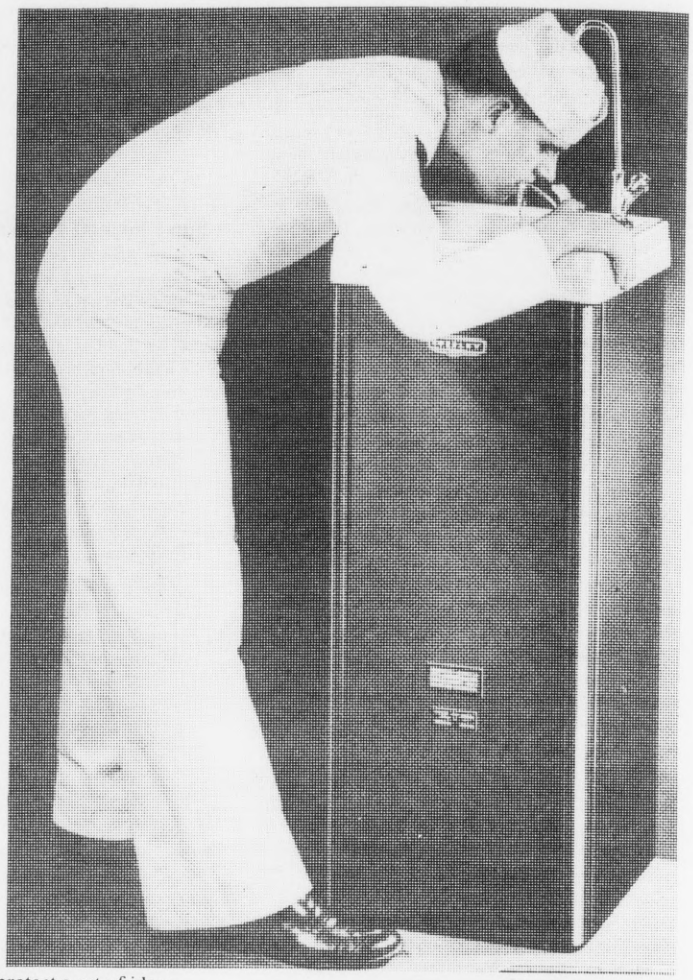
In response, Dr. Henderson attacked Korb's research, saying that the integration of gays into other countries' armed forces was fraught with difficulty. He added that the Netherlands, Australia and Canada are all countries that care more about "civil rights than military readiness."

Although the majority of the testimony heard by the committee ranged from outright hostility to dubious neutrality, proponents of lifting the ban declared a qualified victory on March 31. Chai Feldblum, legal director of the Campaign for Military Service, said it was incredibly important for proponents to hear Korb say that openly gay/lesbian people in the military would not harm unit cohesion.

NGLTF's Bray asserts, "The military has a history of integration. The military leadership imposes unit cohesion. But the military is now saying that homophobia is so bad that it overrides the military leadership. If the military defended the country as ludicrously as they have defended this policy, Cuba would have invaded us long ago. They are saying that homophobia is tougher than the Marines; stronger than the SEALs; more awesome than the Green Berets!"

"IT'S DISCRIMINATION, STUPID!"

"The issue is not gays serving in the military," declared Sen. Edward Kennedy. "The issue is whether gays will have to lie [in order] to serve the country they love." Kennedy adds, "Military efficiency exists for the sake of liberty. The purpose of the military is to protect a set of ideas—not a piece of geography."



Watch it there young man. That pose may be causing some unsuspecting heterosexual soldier undue mental turmoil.

Sen. Kennedy stated that the military has integrated both African Americans and women into the Armed Forces. Kennedy also stressed the military's historical reluctance to begin the process of integration. Kennedy said that in 1945 advocates of integration were told the following in Senate testimony: "The surest way to destroy the military was integration." He added, "Some called it a perversion" in 1948.

The historical parallels are obvious to many, including Maurice Franklin, a gay African American former naval officer, who observed the testimony. "For African American gays and lesbians, we are talking equal protection. There was a difference of color. But discrimination is discrimination. The same arguments were made then. Today they talk about unit cohesion. That is a buzz word for, 'we don't want it.' " Franklin says that the arguments against integration were equally offensive back then. "They said [African Americans] are lazy; they don't want to fight. The good ol' boys would not like it." Franklin adds, "We got over that."

Opponents of lifting the ban, however, flatly deny there are any real parallels between integrating gays and people of color. Sen. Coats dragged out the infamous letter from Gen. Colin Powell, in which Powell recently declared, "Skin color is benign and nonbehavioral, while sexual orientation is a profound behavioral characteristic."

Dr. Henderson argued that the American public already supported integrating the Armed Forces when it was ordered to do so by President Truman. [Isn't revisionist history fun!] But currently, Dr. Henderson asserts, "homosexuality" is opposed by a majority of Americans and "that makes it non-analogous."

Dr. Henderson added that the issue of women in the military is different because they are segregated from the men, which would not be the case were out gays and lesbians allowed. With that, Sen. Kennedy jumped all over Henderson, pointing out that women in the military are 30 to 40 percent more likely to be sexually harassed than in civilian life. Kennedy snapped, "Women [in the military] are not separated when they are being raped or harassed!"

In addition Dr. Henderson's personal view of race and ethnicity were called into question. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) pointed to a book Dr. Henderson had written, a book that referred to the difficulty of integrating people with "Spanish speaking values" into the military. Bingaman asked sweetly, "What are Spanish speaking values?"

Dr. Henderson declined to specify, saying, to the vast amusement of the audience, "You are reading too much into that."

THE INVISIBLE WOMAN

Virtually all of the testimony centered on the issues of gay *men* in the military. There was scant mention of straight women or lesbians. Chai Feldblum says women in the military face double jeopardy. "Any women who protests sexual harassment is accused of being a lesbian. The ban is used to terrorize all women in the military. Straight women know that." Feldblum asserted that lack of coverage on the issue by Nunn's committee is a result of their "underlying sexism and ignorance."

For gay men and lesbians alike, the overridding issue is rank homophobia. By the end of the hearings, when most of the senators had left, Sen. Levin finally asked the witnesses, "Do you believe the antipathy of the troops [to gay/lesbians/bisexuals] is based on rational grounds or prejudice?"

"Prejudice," flatly replied Marlowe, adding later, "Prejudice is a greater controller of behavior than rationality." Dr. Henderson denied prejudice is a factor. But then he seemed to contradict himself, saying, "A large part of it is based on socialization. It is young men who grew up in the Midwest." Then he stated, "Being macho is not prejudiced." [sic, sic, sicker]

Perhaps the best indicator of the nature of Nunn's committee hearings was not what was said, but how statements were actually interpreted. On both March 30 and April 1, the phones were ringing off the hook in Nunn's office, with most callers supporting Nunn's opposition to lifting the ban. All the while, Nunn contends that he can hold fair and impartial hearings.

Fair and impartial is not what Capt. Stephen Vitka, an 86-year-old retired Marine, saw at the March 31 hearing. After it was over, Vitka raced up to Nunn, grabbing his hand and pumping it, profusely thanking Nunn for opposing lifting the ban. At the same time, Vitka went into excruciating detail about how all "homosexuals" are "yellow" and "cowardly" and will give people AIDS given half a chance. Nunn stood there, unable to escape, looking like he profoundly wished nobody was watching.

SOLDIERS LOVING SOLDIERS —NON-EROTICALLY, OF COURSE

The irony for opponents of integration is that the Armed Forces are already crawling with "homosexuals." Everyone knows, but no one says. As Lt. Col. Charles Magness, a retired Vietnam vet, joked with a grin, "You know what the new Pentagon salute is?" Magness answered by winking. At the same moment, this reporter was cruised by at least one of a group of Army officers walking by in the hallway in the Senate office building where the hearings were being held.

Ahh, the senators. They are blissfully ignorant of this reality. "If there is something I don't understand, it is homosexuality," declaimed a grinning Sen. Lauch Faircloth (R-N.C.), in response to Korb's assertions that gays have served in police departments and athletic departments without leaping on each other all the time. Faircloth asked incredulously, "Are you saying that homosexuals have a better ability to exercise self-control [than heterosexuals]?" The sub-text of Faircloth's comment—raging homosexual libidos—was painfully evident.

One of the weirder moments of an already strange day was to hear Sen. Coats talking about "agape—non-erotic love between soldiers." He went on to state there is a direct link between agape love and unit cohesion. Coats added that the "interjection" and "insertion" of sexual desire would destroy unit cohesion by raising fears of favoritism within small group units of soldiers.

Korb replied to such criticism, saying just because a person has a particular orientation does not mean he or she is automatically attracted to all others with that orientation. Korb also noted that Sgt. Perry Watkins kept re-enlisting over and over again as an openly gay man, evidently able to "control" himself. In addition, Korb stressed the experience of Col. Margarethe Cammermayer, a 30-year veteran whose professionalism was so highly regarded that her commanding officer cried when forced to eject her from the service. Korb also referred to the case of Capt. Pamela Mindt, who was called back to active duty to deal with an emergency situation, while in the midst of proceedings to oust her from the military for being a lesbian.

The testimony of Korb particularly rankled Neanderthal senators convinced that open homosexuality is incompatible with military service. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) went out of his way to discredit Korb's credibility, challenging Korb's use of a 1991 study that found no data linking gays to lower morale or cohesion. Sen. McCain said that information was not in the final report. Korb retorted that the author of the report was told by the Reagan administration to excise that section from the final version because the author had covered an area the administration did not want included.

Still, Sen. Bob Smith (R-N.H.) asserted of "those who profess to be homosexual," that if the ban is lifted "the possibility of erotic love is there." That comment bolstered Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), Elizabeth Taylor's ex-husband, to say, "One by one the arguments supporting changing the policy are falling."

Few senators at the hearing confronted, or acknowledged the issue of anti-gay prejudice. Tim McFeeley, executive director of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), says, "Unit cohesion has to do with leadership and discipline, and if people's prejudice gets in the way of unit cohesion, then you have to deal with the prejudice and not the object of prejudice."

MARCHING TO CONFRONTATION

The direct impact of hearings on the Senate Armed Services Committee is less important than the impact on the public, says McFeeley. "This is a public education exercise. The senators will be more influenced by what the polls say and what their mail says and telephone calls from constituents than anything said in these hearings."

Congressmember Barney Frank (D-Mass.) downplayed the importance of the hearings and urged lesbians and gays to educate their representatives and senators. "The overwhelmingly important thing is to get people to write letters. If everybody who came to Washington, D.C., wrote three or four letters, we would win this!"

"We are picking up support," says gay lobbyist Tom Sheridan, director of the Sheridan Group. "Our tracking shows our support is solidifying. Suddenly with the president reaffirming his support [in a meeting with gay leaders on March 26], senators who are inclined to think this is discrimination are lining up with us." Sheridan says the critical votes, to be counted on July 15—the day when Clinton has to release his executive order—will be from the "moderate middle." Right now, Sheridan says, votes are coming in for lifting the ban.

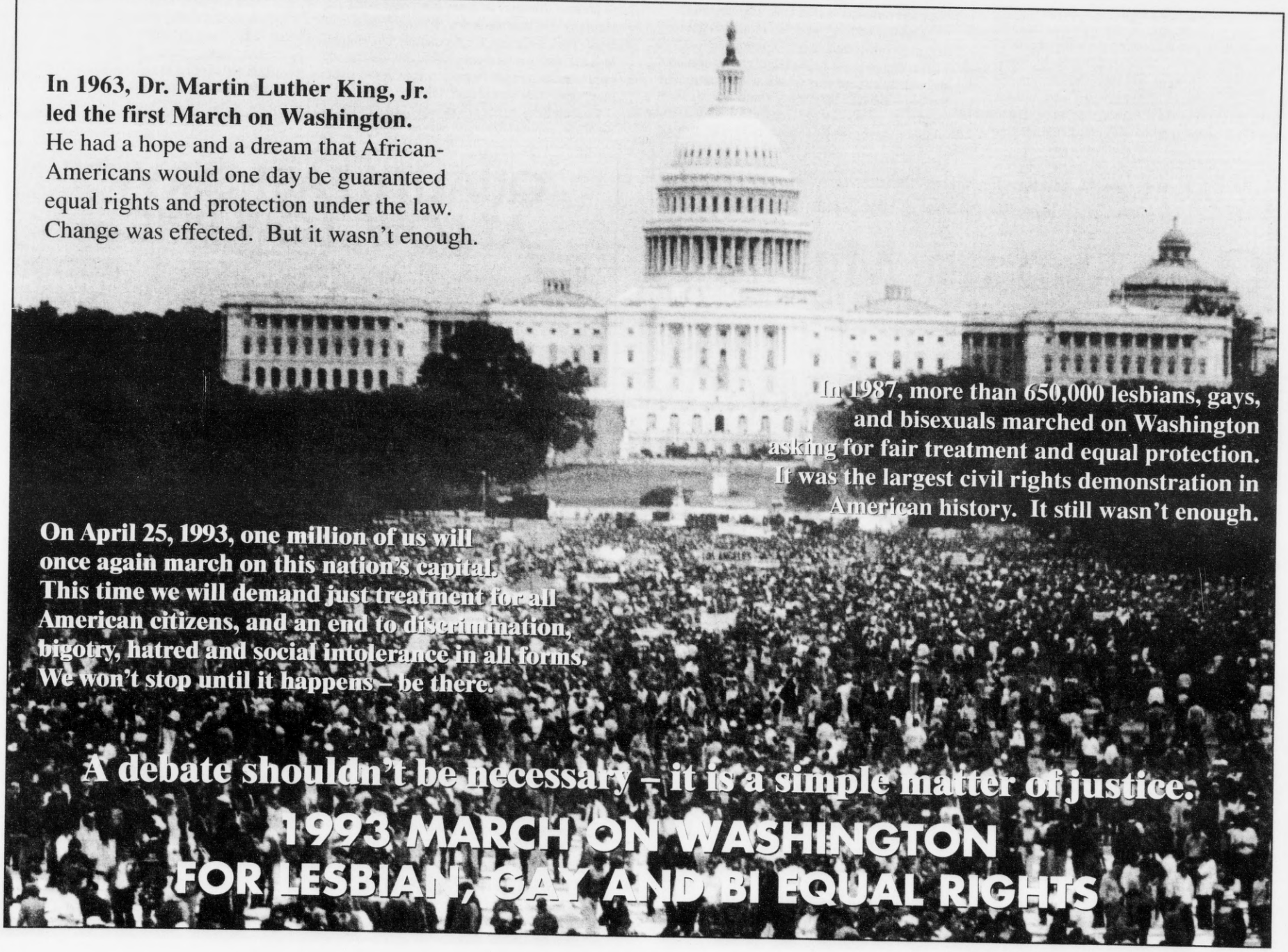
The third and final phase of Nunn's hearings will be scheduled sometime after the Senate comes back from recess in late April. That will include base site visits by the committee, as well as hearings including both pro- and anti-"lift the ban" forces. The site visits will be the ones to watch, says Robert Bray, who warns, "One by one we are picking off their assertions, and it will come down to gays in the showers."

"MARTIAN ANTHROPOLOGISTS" AND VIRTUAL OUTNESS

"I call it my Martian anthropologist," explained Torie Osborne. "If I stand back from this, the very fact that Sam Nunn is saying things like sexual desire, gay marriage, domestic partnership, as potential issues down the line for the military, is amazing... This social revolution marches on toward equality, and the military will have to deal with that."

Robert Bray goes one step further. He views gays-in-the-military as part of the "virtual outness" of gay issues in the media. He notes that it is almost impossible to pick up a magazine or newspaper or turn on the TV without seeing queer issues. In fact, Bray argues that gay/lesbian/bisexual issues are gaining so much attention in the mainstream media that "the outness of gay issues in popular culture is greater than the number of gay people that are out." To Bray, that means gays and lesbians in the closet are "culturally inert" and are now unable to take part in the gays-in-the-military or any other debate.

That gap between the the "realness of gay issues in culture" and the numbers of those who are actually out, "is our secret weapon," says Bray. He says closing that gap would mean not only gay issues being discussed in the workplace, but workers coming out as well. "It personalizes it and puts flesh and blood on the [military] issues. That is when we will see phenomenal changes in this country. How will we do that? The March on Washington." ✿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Betrayal Behind the Mountains of Cuba: The U.S. Locks Up HIV-Positive Haitians

by Dave Gilden

One of Bill Clinton's campaign promises was to end the ban on HIV-positive foreigners entering the country. Another was to allow entry to Haitians fleeing that country's extensive post-coup political repression. Clinton has reversed himself on both promises, and the result has been the indefinite continuation of the AIDS community's worst nightmare—an internment camp for people force-tested and found positive for HIV.

Camp Bulkeley, as the detention center is formally known, lies within the U.S. military enclave on Cuba's Guantanamo Bay. The 250 people now confined there represent the last of some 40,000 Haitians who passed through the camp after fleeing their country following the 1991 coup that overthrew the newly elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

After the coup, Aristide's supporters were rounded up; thousands of Haitians died or disappeared, and tens of thousands took to boats headed for the United States—where our government claims to grant asylum to aliens facing political persecution in their homeland—to escape the terror. They were stopped on the high seas by U.S. Coast Guard vessels carrying out a Haitian interdiction program started a decade earlier by President Reagan. Guantanamo Bay, the location of a major U.S. military installation on Cuba, was the initial processing site. Starting last May, President Bush ordered all newly interdicted Haitian boat people sent directly back to Haiti without any hearing.

AT THE CAMPS

A typical refugee is Pierre, who spent two months on Guantanamo. He had been a pro-Aristide pollwatcher during the elections. After the coup, he told *SF Bay Times*, "The *tonton macoutes* (political police) searched for me at my house and at my mother's. Two of my brothers were caught and killed, but I went into hiding. My cousin was in the same situation and had a boat, so we fled together."

Pierre and 11,000 other detainees eventually established with the authorities that they had a well-grounded fear of persecution in Haiti. They went on to the U.S. to further prove their claim of refugee status. The rest were sent back to Haiti. But nearly 300 apparently bona fide refugees remained. This group either tested positive for HIV or were family members of those who did. Forty-two children are among the latter.

The detainees now have been at Camp Bulkeley for as long as 17 months. They are currently in limbo. The U.S. government cannot send them back, but it refuses to let them in, either. A liberal dose of barbed wire encloses them within a desolate area. Their only shelter is makeshift plywood bungalows that leak when it rains.

"This is a horror," said San Francisco attorney Robert Rubin of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights. Rubin is helping to represent the detainees and recently spent two weeks at the camp. The food is stale and has bugs. There are no flush toilets. It stinks in the mess hall and living quarters. As for the Guantanamo doctors, they do

Detainees with interpreter at Camp Bulkeley: The U.S. has not lived up to its promises. Photo by Robert Rubin

what they can, but they aren't AIDS specialists. And there are some people with T-cell counts under 200 who are refusing medication because they don't trust military doctors.

Since last fall, 42 HIV-positive internees have been released to the U.S. for emergency medical treatment. Another attorney who represents the Haitians at Camp Bulkeley, Michael Ratner of New York's Center for Constitutional Rights, says the situation has become so irrational that the only way for people to get out is to avoid treatment until they contracted AIDS.

Encountering further evidence of irrationality, the Congressional Research Service estimated that the camp costs $7-8 million a year to operate. If the government fears that the refugees with HIV will be an inordinate drain on public finances, then it is doing the wrong thing, activists point out. Treatment costs in the U.S. would be cheaper than indefinite imprisonment on Guantanamo, and, besides, some of the cost here would be borne by family members, churches and nonprofit service providers.

HUNGER STRIKE

At the end of January, the refugees responded to the demoralizing paradoxes of their situation by going on a hunger strike. A statement signed by 100 of the Guantanamo refugees said in part, "Everyone knows that we have been jailed behind the mountains of Cuba where we are treated like animals, like prisoners of war; where snakes, lizards and rats have been our friends for more than 16 months. It seems that they do not know that just like them, we are people too. We are asking the government, along with others living in the United States, if they are going to let us die behind the mountains of Cuba."

Michael Ratner reports that with the hunger strike down to 30 people by mid-March, a few dozen detainees tried a desperate and futile mass escape attempt. When this failed, others set fire to some of the barracks. A crackdown by 400 riot-equipped troops followed. The entire camp is now reduced to the size of several football fields, and 30 Haitians are in Guantanamo's brig.

Ratner said, "They claim the sweep was needed to conduct a head count, but the real reason was to reassert control after the hunger strike and enforce the daily rules. The camp is at a low point."

CAMP CLINTON

Steve Morin of Rep. Nancy Pelosi's office (D-SF) notes that Camp Bulkeley could be dismantled at any time by paroling its inmates on humanitarian grounds. But the government seems afraid at this point to touch any aspect of the HIV-positive immigration issue. Calls by *SF Bay Times* to the White House went unreturned. A Justice Department spokesman refused comment and

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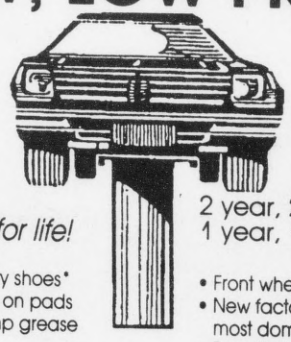

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thought the Public Health Service and Immigration and Naturalization Service were setting policy. The Public Health Service thought that the camp was a military responsibility, and on it went.

Ratner is contemptuous: "(Health and Human Services Secretary) Donna Shalala wanted to end the camp, and they told her to butt out. It's all been taken over by the political folks in the White House. They're fighting in the White House while people are dying. I could negotiate better with Bush's representatives than Clinton's to get people out," he said.

Perhaps the Clinton people hope the restoration of President Aristide to power—rumored to be imminent—will make the issue moot. But Max Blanchet of the Bay Area Haitian Action Coalition warned that the refugees will not disappear so quickly. He says, "You have to understand that the refugees are not a destitute group. Many were fairly well-to-do peasants. Here, they can't find work, and the culture is uncomfortable. Many would go back to their families in Haiti if conditions improved. But just bringing Aristide back is not enough. The Army would have to be reformed, and there would have to be UN observers guaranteeing human rights."

To break the logjam, a group of organizations, including the ones employing Ratner and Rubin, sued the government over a year ago to end the internment. The latest phase of the case recently came to trial, with the Clinton administration defending the Bush internment policy. On March 26, Brooklyn federal judge Sterling Johnson, Jr. handed the complainants a partial victory by ordering the U.S. to bring the 36 internees with advanced immune impairment to this country for medical care. Last Friday, the administration announced it would abide by that order without appealing.

A final decision in the case is expected soon. If the judge orders Camp Bulkeley closed, this could serve as the government's excuse for moving the refugees out in the face of congressional and popular opposition. Or the administration could appeal the decision indefinitely.

Some people are not willing to wait for Clinton to make up his mind. One group of lawyers in the lawsuit are Yale Law School students participating through Yale's Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic. Another more activist group at the law school decided last month to pressure Clinton by taking up where the internees (and Jesse Jackson, who had fasted for ten days in solidarity with them) left off: Twenty-five law students launched their own seven-day hunger strike replete with a symbolic Camp Clinton concentration camp in the law school's main corridor. After a week, the hunger strike was passed off to students at Harvard, then Brown, and then the University of Michigan. Columbia University is slated to participate after Michigan. The protest will come to the Bay Area later this month, when students at the Uuniversity of California at Berkeley and San Francisco State University are planning to join in.

Commenting on the protest's goals, Terry Mullen of the San Francisco State Committee to Free the Haitians said, "We've done a lot in a little time. Many students have dropped other causes to work on this one. The Committee includes people from ethnic studies, gay and lesbian organizations, and people of color. We all agree that we can't sit by while the government promulgates suffering. We have to be louder than the right."

The multicultural groups uniting on the Haitian refugee issue is a reflection of the many issues that the activists see coming together in Guantanamo: racism, homophobia, and the inadequate state of American health care are certainly involved. But in particular, the existence of Camp Bulkeley creates false fears about how AIDS and HIV are spread, its opponents claim.

According to Michael Ratner, "This incident is central to how the country treats HIV. Many people don't see it, but this can lead to setting up a prison for anybody with HIV." ✿

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Pelosi Pushes $715 Million Prevention Bill: Community AIDS Groups Cautious

by Tim Kingston

A cold Washington, D.C., drizzle failed to dampen Congressmember Nancy Pelosi's spirits as she introduced the $715 million "Comprehensive AIDS Prevention Act" into Congress on March 30. "This bill would for the first time establish a comprehensive program for community-based HIV prevention programs," says Pelosi (D-SF).

The bill is aimed at reducing the annual number of HIV infections by a $200 million boost in AIDS prevention spending over 1992-93 levels. In addition, and of equal importance, the bill mandates the coordination and restructuring of AIDS prevention programs on a federal and local level. Pelosi also says the bill gives community-based organizations a greater say in how the money is allocated, although there is some concern among national community-based AIDS prevention organizations (CBOs) about how that will actually be achieved.

"What we are saying is that it should not just be the CDC [Centers for Disease Control] and the public health officials [doing it]. The community itself that is affected should help write the plan for how AIDS prevention money is spent." Pelosi said that is because what might work for San Francisco may not be effective in, say, New Jersey, where the profile of people with AIDS is significantly different.

The final portion of the bill establishes community-based prevention programs with a grant program totaling $175 million for 1994. Those grants would be allocated after the formation of local planning councils to conduct needs assessments and evaluate action plans submitted by local CBOs to reduce the number of infections in the planning council's jurisdiction. Documents provided by Pelosi's office say the planning council will include "people living with HIV and representative of local communities at increased risk for HIV infection."

Pelosi pointed proudly to a section of the bill stating that any AIDS prevention spending by state or local authorities must have "additionality," in other words, local officials will not be able to grab the cash and use it for testing and counseling programs that are already up and running. The spending has to be on new programs.

But Anita Taylor, director of the National Minority AIDS Council's public policy and education department, worries there are not enough safeguards written into the proposal to guarantee the intended level of community participation. She wants to make sure that both that CBO representation on the council is not just tokenist, and that funding is included in the bill to ensure overburdened CBOs can participate and be an institutionalized part of the process.

Many of Taylor's concerns come out of bitter experience with other federal AIDS programs. "The bill is very dependent on the capability and desire of local and state government involvement in this process, but what we learned from Ryan White was that local and state governments were unable and unwilling to do all the work that is needed. The bill must be written so the CBOs are involved... as equal players who cannot be shut out of the process." In San Francisco, it is unlikely that will happen, but that has not been the case in other areas of the country.

Taylor stresses that despite her concerns, "We at NMAC are delighted that Pelosi is moving forward with this and bringing this issue to light."

FEDERAL REFORM

Pelosi says, "We have a new administration that is sincere about having targeted and honest AIDS prevention [as opposed to] the Reagan/Bush administration. Their program was abstinence and monogamy—which is fine, but it is not realistic."

At a federal level, the bill, if passed, will delegate authority to the Assistant Secretary of Health to develop a strategic plan to coordinate all HIV prevention programs within the public health service. The assistant secretary will then mandate intra-agency cooperation between the CDC, the National Institutes of Health Office of AIDS Research, the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Not surprisingly, no one in the Reagan-Bush axis bothered to set up such coordination in the entire 12 years of the epidemic.

At the CDC, Pelosi's bill would authorize additional spending of $154 million in 1994 for epidemiology and surveillance of specific and emerging risk-behavior groups, new counseling and testing programs and prevention programs aimed at "specific populations."

Rafael Chang of the San Francisco-based Asian Pacific AIDS Coalition says he has spoken to Pelosi's office with similar concerns and hopes that, when the bill is passed, the regulations implementing the bill will answer the worries about inclusion. ✿

Rofes And Paras Ousted At Shanti: A Dismal Double Header

by Tim Kingston

On April 1, at an emergency board meeting, the Shanti Board of Directors voted to request the resignation of executive director Eric Rofes and associate director Melinda Paras. Rofes is said to have submitted a request for stress leave that day, which later became a resignation. Melinda Paras officially handed in her resignation on April 2, citing health reasons.

"I would say it looked like it was inevitable," says board member Kerrington Osborne. "The heat was being turned up by the AIDS office. The heat was increasing from all sides." Osborne says the decision had been brewing ever since the AIDS office released a highly critical audit of Shanti's administrative and fiscal policies in March. Osborne says, "Certain board members began to take their blinders off and take seriously allegations that were being made in the AIDS service provider community... of mismanagement."

George Tuttle, vice chair of the Shanti board, declined comment on Rofes' resignation, and, with one exception, no other Shanti board member returned *SF Bay Times* calls for comment. Off-the-record, one board member denied that Rofes or Paras were asked to resign, but said that the board sentiment was increasingly "unhappy with Eric's ability to manage finances for a period of time now. The confidence level had diminished prior to this whole hoopla."

That board member also took aim at the AIDS office, blaming it for 50 percent of the problem. "In past years the AIDS office signed off on everything [aside from] mild comments about shaping up [in fiscal/administrative procedure]. Then when an ex-employee points the finger, the AIDS office goes back and creates new rules and makes them apply to Shanti retroactively!"

Rofes is being replaced by Paul Lambros, former director of residential services at Shanti, who will become interim executive director. Neither Rofes or Paras were available for comment. Several sources indicate that Rofes will be leaving San Francisco on April 9, destined for parts unknown.

ROLLING THUNDER?

Shanti Project has been in hot water with the Department of Public Health's AIDS office for several weeks due to the critical audit of Shanti's fiscal and administrative practices released on March 8. That audit disclosed that Shanti was unable to account for precisely how it had spent significant amounts of city funding for its housing contracts in both 1991-92 and 1992-93.

AIDS office director Mitch Katz has also stated publicly that Shanti may owe the City as much as $200,000 if the difference between city grants and actual expenditures cannot be closed. In addition, the investigation discovered that the agency's 1991-92 audit was profoundly inaccurate. Shanti has successfully completed a budget reconciliation for 1993, and is in the midst of a manual reconstruction of Shanti's revenues and expenditures for 1991-92.

But in a letter obtained by the *SF Bay Times*, from Kerrington Osborne to Shanti Board Chair Gayling Gee, Osborne contends that the original 1991-92 audit was at best grossly inept and at worst may have been downright fraudulent. He writes, "We have maintained that we cannot reproduce our records as to how we spent housing funds for FY 91-92, yet the audit was conducted on that very information...that raises two possibilities....Either the auditors were supplied

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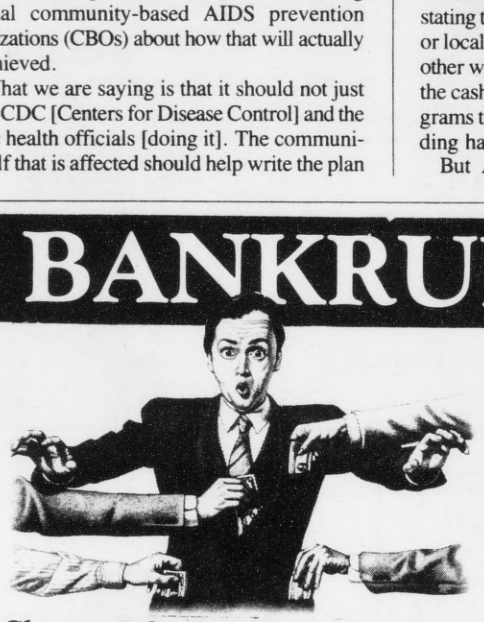

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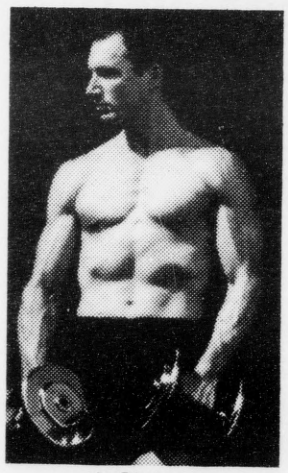

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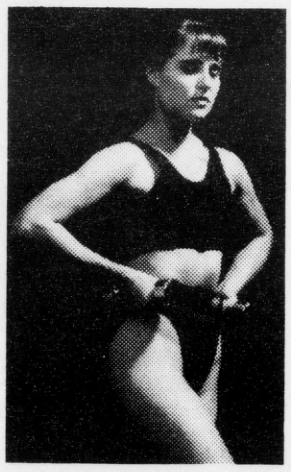

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with inaccurate information and were so inept that they failed to run even the simplest checks; or the auditors and Shanti worked something out together.''

In addition, the letter contends that during the AIDS office audit, Shanti ''staff now maintain that they were instructed by Eric to disclose very little, or in some cases were actually instructed to mislead the board and the finance committee.''

Asked if staff had been directed to mislead the board, Alix Sabin, Shanti's communications director, stated, ''I have not heard that statement before. I am not aware as an insider here that that is what is being said.'' Questioned about allegations of fraudulence in the 1991-92 audit, Sabin replied, ''We are committed to doing an audit because we are publicly accountable... We are concerned about discovering any financial situation.'' Sabin says, ''We will make all of the information public as soon as we have it.''

Sabin notes that Shanti has met all the deadlines set by the AIDS office to meet the mandates of the recent audit, enabling the Health Commission to approve continued funding for the agency on its city contracts until Oct. 1 of this year. ✿

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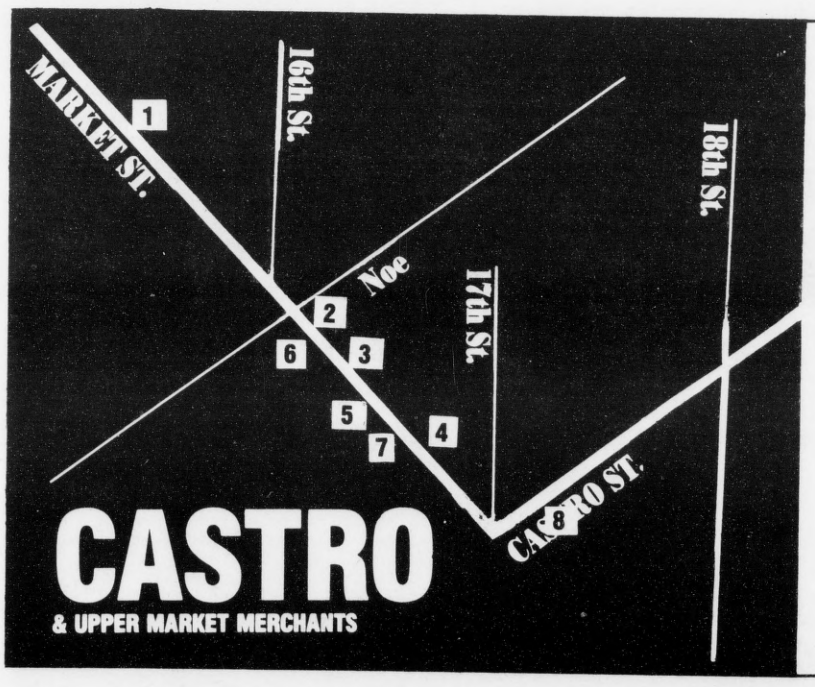

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They Couldn't Be Dolls for Two Nights

SAN FRANCISCO - The local hit production *Dolls*, based on the Jacqueline Susann novel, *Valley of the Dolls*, was closed for two nights due to a rent dispute.

It gets complicated. It seems the landlord had a problem with On Broadway Inc., which leased space to *Dolls*. In evicting On Broadway, the landlord changed the locks, also keeping out the cast and crew of the may-be-bound-for-Broadway transgender sensation.

But thanks to a hastily filed lawsuit seeking $1 million in damages, the show went on last weekend, and hopefully will continue through its end-of-April run. Producer Andrew Wood told *SF Bay Times* that Playstitute, a local queer theater production company, is now "holding the lawsuit over their (the landlord's) head" until the end of the run.

Wood said that the heir to the Jacqueline Susann fortune, Lisa Maurrer, saw the show last week and loved it. Maurrer has "expressed an interest" in bringing it to New York City, he says.

Two King Protests Planned

SAN FRANCISCO - Two marches are planned in response to the upcoming verdict in the re-trial of the four Los Angeles police officers accused of using excessive force and violating the civil rights of Rodney King. A jury decision is expected any day now.

The Rev. Cecil Williams, pastor of Glide Memorial Church, is organizing a protest or celebration (depending on the verdict) at 2 pm on the day of the decision at the Golden Gate Park panhandle, near Oak and Masonic. Call (415) 771-6300 for more details.

Roots Against War, ACT UP, WAC and other groups are sponsoring a speakout at 3 pm at 24th & Mission streets and a march to Jefferson Park at Turk and Laguna. For info, call (415) 749-7645.

Savitz Dies, Suit Continues

PHILADELPHIA - Ed Savitz, the HIV-infected man accused of endangering a score of teenage boys he allegedly had sex with, has died, but the suits against him continue.

Savitz died just days before he was to go on trial on 22 charges, including involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and the sexual abuse of children, for alleged sexual activity with four teens. With his death, the criminal charges obviously are a moot point, but not the civil suits. His estate remains responsible for those.

Savitz, an insurance actuary, was the center of a weeks-long controversy after his high-profile arrest for allegedly paying teens for sex as well as for their dirty underwear and their feces. What was never clear in all of the hoopla, however, was who infected whom with HIV. Hundreds of boys tested after Savitz's arrest were found to be HIV-negative.

New Zealand Activist Visits Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO - Matt McCarten, a Maori and the chair of the New Zealand Alliance, is visiting the Bay Area from April 16 to May 12 to talk about how a coalition of greens, labor and people of color has won the recent elections in Auckland, the country's largest city.

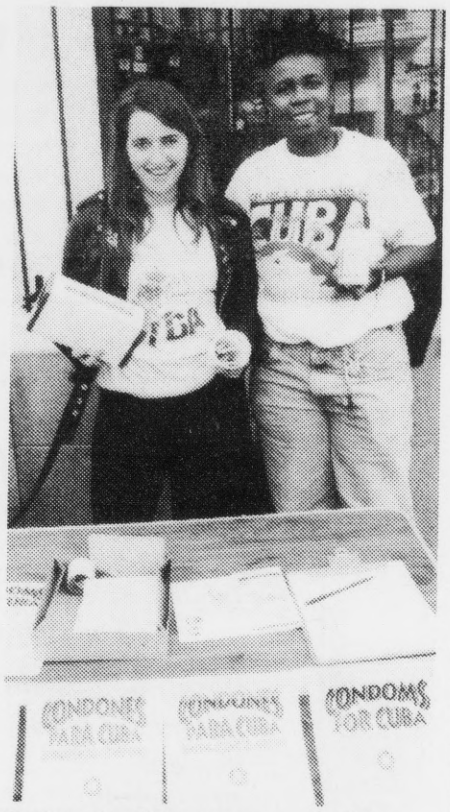
McCarten, who is president of the New Zealand New Labor Party, will speak on April 21 at 7:30 pm at Dwinelle 155, U.C. Berkeley. He will also speak at the Women's Building in San Francisco, 3543 18th St., at 8 pm on April 22.

For more info, call Chris at (510) 489-8554.

Colorado: It Gets Scarier and Scarier

COLORADO SPRINGS - Flyers promoting the KKK and a group called STRAIGHT (Society to Remove All Immoral Gross Homosexual Trash) have been appearing in this conservative Colorado town and in Denver, the state capital. The KKK poster promotes "White Power" the STRAIGHT poster calls for the death penalty for queers.

Last November, Colorado became the first state in the nation to pass a statewide anti-gay/lesbian/bisexual initiative (Amendment 2) nixing all gay rights bills. That initiative is under appeal. Meanwhile, a nationwide boycott of Colorado (endorsed by many cities across the country) has cost the state millions in lost conventions and other business.



Condoms for Cuba collection on Castro by Queers for Cuba and ACT UP. Photo by Rink

U.S. Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell (D-Colo.) denounced the posters in a statement released March 26, saying, "I condemn this vicious trash in the strongest terms possible and call upon the people of Colorado Springs and the state of Colorado to vehemently reject this hateful, hurtful, heinous campaign and the hating, racist, ignorant people who are behind it."

Continued Campbell: "This filth is so anti-democratic and abhorrent, it could even be considered treasonous."

Meanwhile, the Denver Presbytery is asking the national church to lift the ban on ordaining queers and to condemn Colorado for Amendment 2. As can be expected, the move has generated a lot of fuss.

Finally, Colorado for Family Values, the group behind Amendment 2, wants a boycott and pickets of "pro-homosexual businesses." Especially targeted are Apple and Digital computer companies, Levi Strauss & Co., and the Rocky Mountain News. The latter was chosen because it refused to nix the recent For Better or For Worse strips dealing with a gay character (see item below).

Kevin Tebedo, a founder of the group, said "There's nothing wrong with putting actions behind your words. The homosexuals do it all the time."

Gay Bar Firebombed

JACKSONVILLE - Friends Lounge, a gay bar that has a military clientele, was hit in the back on April 2 with two firebombs, but no one was injured and no damage was done to the building.

The bar's owner, Danny Leonard, reported receiving 300 threatening phone calls and notes in the past weeks. Recently, Marines with baseball bats entered the bar. 'I've never lived in a town where there's so much hate and prejudice." Leonard said.

No Homo Art at Little Rock U

LITTLE ROCK - A gay student's homoerotic drawings were pulled from the student art show because department officials at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock don't feel they're "appropriate" for the display.

In response to what they see as censorship of Steve Leonard's work, about 15 students have signed and attached disclaimers to their own works stating that their showing in the annual student display wasn't an endorsement of the university's policies.

Department officials were worried, they said, about children who frequent the area for classes.

Gay Character in the Funnies—Not Everywhere

SAN FRANCISCO - Readers of the SF *Chronicle* saw it, but not readers of the *Hattiesburg American* in Hattiesburg, Miss. The "it" is the coming out of a character in the popular family strip "For Better or For Worse" by Lynn Johnston.

In the last two weeks, a friend of Mike, the teenage son of the Canadian Patterson family, came out, telling his friend that he has a boyfriend. After agonizing over it, Mike finally accepts Lawrence. But during the course of their discussions, the 17-year-old Lawrence tells Mike something that no other comic strip character has ever revealed: "The Aboriginal people con-

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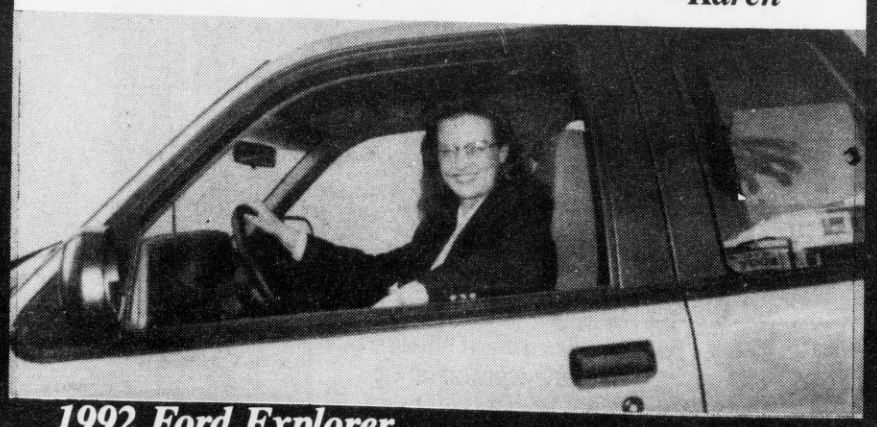

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Out of the 1400 newspapers across the country that were carrying the strip, the editors of some 36 found the story line too controversial and decided to can it. The story line runs through April 24.

Says Barbara Steinke, a spokesperson for the West Virginia Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights, said, ''This is a family-oriented comic and being a gay teenager is certainly a family issue. Dropping the comic strip because people do not want to deal with the issue will not make it go away.'' Several West Virginia papers did just that—dropped the comic.

Bits & Pieces

• Our Jewish Bodies, a woman's health conference, will be held at Golden Gate University in San Francisco on May 23. Sponsored by Sha'ar Zahav, the local queer synagogue, the conference will deal, among other things, with cancer, menopause, STDs, and lesbian health. For info, or to volunteer, call (510) 482-3740.

• The mainstream's well-intentioned health messages aimed at African-American youth are reaching the wrong audience with the wrong information, according to an article in the latest *Focus: A Guide to AIDS Research and Counseling*. One reason communication strategies fail, the piece says, is because they are based on the belief that there is a homogenous ''street culture.'' To be effective, messages must not appear to be based on mainstream value systems or to have been co-opted by mainstream culture.

• To encourage AIDS activism by East Bay residents, ACT UP/East Bay will pay $25 toward fines resulting from the April 26 civil disobedience for health care and human rights in Washington, D.C. (see item above for more details). Recipients must live in Alameda or Contra Costa counties. For info, call (510) 547-7538.

• Women from across Northern California, Nevada and Oregon will converge to celebrate Women's Weekend along the Russian River, April 30-May 2. Among the scheduled events: tennis, volleyball, pool and golf tournaments. For info: (800) 253-8800 or (707) 869-2971.

• The San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women Job Library is a comprehensive listing of current employment available in the public, private and nonprofit sectors throughout the Bay Area. It's free and open to the public. Location:

Bike messenger fashion show at Justin Herman plaza to promote the May 7 AIDSBikeathon. Photo by Rink

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• San Francisco Supervisor Carole Migden has secured a supplemental appropriation of $179, 264 until July 19 to expand HIV treatment capabilities in the city's health centers. Migden, who chairs the Budget Committee, said she will assure the funding is continued in next year's budget at a cost of $1 million.

• The recent ''Rebels with a Cause'' Academy Awards fundraiser raised $14,000. Over 800 attended the event sponsored by Fight AIDS Non-Stop (FANS).

• The Hetrick-Martin Institute in New York has published You Are Not Alone, the first national directory of gay/lesbian/bisexual youth organizations in the U.S. and Canada. The 60-page resource book lists more than 150 agencies providing counseling, emergency shelter, medical care, support groups, etc. Copies can be obtained from the Hetrick-Martin Institute, 401 West St., New York, NY 10014. Suggested donation is $5.

• The Idaho Education Association has come out against the statewide anti-gay/lesbian initiative filed by the fundamentalist group Idaho Citizens Alliance. Considered one of the most powerful lobbies in the state, the association boasts 10,000 members. Members will decide later this month how much money the organization will spend in opposing the ballot initiative, which nixes gay rights legislation throughout Idaho.

• Just in case you care, Mandy Patinkin, who plays a gay man in the Broadway hit *Falsettos*, told the *Advocate* in its April 6 edition that he is not gay. ''If I was [sic] gay, I'd be very proud of it,'' he offers. He also boasts having lots of gay friends.

• The Oops-Did-I-Get-Caught? Dept.: A Department of Public Safety worker in Brunswick, Maine, who faxed an anti-gay poem to a newspaper by mistake may be disciplined. It seems she thought she was sending the poem to a friend, but pushed the wrong button. You just can't count on technology these days, can you?

• Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson signed a statewide gay rights law on April 2 after the State Senate approved it. Said Carlson, ''I've always been a very strong advocate of human rights.''

• The Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) has had no trouble getting enough signatures in the southern part of the state to place its anti-gay/lesbian initiatives on the ballot. OCA's statewide anti-gay/lesbian measure failed in November. The OCA is pledging to place initiatives on the ballot in over 30 cities and counties throughout the state in the next year.

• The show went on. A drag competition and pageant went on as planned in Philipsburg, St. Maarten, after a judge gave his nod to it. Lt. Gov. Russell Voges had tried to stop the Caribbean Gay of Gays Male Pageant because of pressure from right-wing church groups. Drag queens from the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, Barbados, Aruba, the Dominican Republic and Trinidad, competed in the competition.

• Police in Topeka, Kan., are monitoring protests against anti-gay minister Rev. Fred W. Phelps Sr. because he has received death threats. Phelps and members of his Westboro Baptist Church regularly crusade against gays and lesbians.

• Gay activists are displeased with Chevron Corp. for donating to the campaign of homophobic City Councilmember Lloyd Mashore in Concord, California. Chevron said it likes Mashore because he is pro-business.

• South Carolina Rep. Mike Fair (R-Greenville) wants to ban foster parenting or adoption by queers. His bill, which also bars adoption by persons convicted of sex crimes or child abuse, has raised a lot of opposition from what usually is a quiet gay/lesbian community in this state. The ACLU in South Carolina feels the bill is clearly unconstitutional and won't hold up to a court challenge. ✿

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John B. Shaw
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Thanks to Tim and Kim and all the cool people at the *SF Bay Times* for donating the space advertising our benefit at the Quake on Saturday night. And to all the people who donated time and music, thank you with all my heart. I love you.

Thanks to Downtown Donna for the inspiration and heart; Shaun-doggie Hall (my dog-sister), Caldonia and the Quake, *SF Weekly*, Stephanie Philips, Allison and Anna Tangent. And of course the bands: Val and Spokepoker (have "Mercy!"), Sex and Drums, Van Gogh's Daughter, Malibu Barbi (Rocks my liver! Mel, you were missed!) and Prince Valium with Shauna Hall and the Alcohol of Fame. While I'm at it, Clayton, Woodman and Lisa, thank you. Rehab would suck without you.

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Pam Sweeney
Co-Director, Pen Pal Project
San Francisco

Valerie Taylor—A Treasure

Valerie Taylor is one of our oldest living national treasures. Whether you bought *Whisper Their Love* from a drugstore rack in 1957 or *Prism* in a women's bookstore in 1981, or have just heard her name, the fact is she has made a difference in your life.

Valerie, now 79, was creating lesbian literature before most of us came out. She writes with humor, hope and triumph about the struggle of old lesbians, poor lesbians, disabled lesbians and all gay people. Even in the early 1960s her Erica Fromm series dared happy endings.

When Jeannette Foster, groundbreaking author of *Sex Variant Women in Literature* (1956), was in a nursing home, Valerie was instrumental in creating the lesbian-supported fund that helped pay for Jeannette's care until her death.

Today, Valerie Taylor needs us to return some of the support and love she has given. She lives with a variety of medical problems. Because of nerve damage in a leg, she uses her arms and a cane for balance. Now she has fractured a shoulder and cannot walk, write or care for herself.

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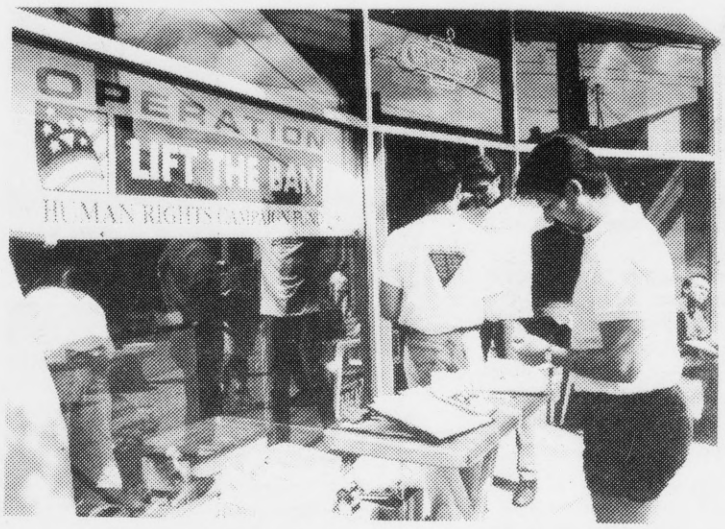
Please mail contributions to: Valerie Taylor Fund, c/o Antigone Books, 600 N. 4th Ave., Tucson, AZ 85705. Make checks payable to Valerie Taylor. If you can't afford to donate money, let Valerie know what her books have meant to you!

Thank you for your generosity.

Lee Lynch, Tee Corrine, Jean Sirius, Cara Louise Vaughn, Barbara Grier, Carol Seajay

Care for Our Own

Sometimes the actions of ACT UP are inspiring and make me proud to be part of the gay community. At other times, like now, I am baffled by the reasoning behind some of their protests.



Banning the ban in the Castro: Petition-signers do their bit for gay and lesbian civil rights in the military. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Raising such a ruckus over allowing HIV-infected immigrants into the country is crazy. Don't these activists realize the serious implications such a "politically correct" action would have on our infected brothers and sisters already trying to cope with the government system?

Yes, I voted for Clinton and am willing to do what is necessary to help him make his plans successful. But I am terrified that my benefits, which only cover rent and utilities, will be drastically cut. Inviting people in because it's "nice" or the "PC way" is just not rational. We've got to work on saving what we've got, both in resources and people. We have already seen with clarity what large numbers of immigrants have done to California's economy. Why do we want to invite such overburdening of the U.S. AIDS support system? If these countries need services, let them buy the technology and pay for them just like anyone else would, and do. We can't have it both ways, people. Get your priorities straight. You can save the American AIDS community, as you have proved with vigor, or you can save the world and just make it a free-for-all of love (and benefits) for everybody. Good luck. I believe it's a frivolous pursuit on the part of ACT UP for public relations purposes. But remember, this monstrous AIDS crisis is biggest at home and we must take care of our own before "opening our hearts" to non-taxpaying immigrants.

Ricky Camus
San Francisco

No Haitian Refugees!

It does not make any sense to bring any Haitians with AIDS (or otherwise) into this country. America should shut its doors. No more immigrants from anywhere! America does not need them. We can't even take care of our own real Americans.

Look at the homeless, etc. Until we can take care of our own people, shut the doors or we will end up like the countries these people are running from.

We must take care of our own people with AIDS first! I am for Americans first. Shut our doors and no money to other countries.

June R. Thomas
San Leandro

Newsweek's Priorities

We have been informed by *Newsweek*, one of the leading weekly newsmagazines in the United States, that they will provide no meaningful coverage of the 1993 March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation. The reason given, both during a town hall meeting on Capitol Hill and in subsequent telephone conversations, is that *Newsweek* is closed on Sundays and therefore will only be able to provide minimal coverage before or after the march. When one member of the town hall meeting audience asked if the same would be true of a presidential assassination occurring on a Sunday, he was told that the march was not as newsworthy as a president being shot and "the sooner you people get it the better off you'll be."

What is apparent is that *Newsweek's* editorial staff "doesn't get it." The 1993 March on Washington is not just another gay pride parade or festival, as *Newsweek* seems to suggest by referring to it as "an upcoming gay and lesbian march on Washington" in its most recent issue. This march will be the most significant occurrence in the quarter-century-old gay, lesbian and bisexual movement and, without any doubt, it will be the largest civil rights demonstration ever to occur in the history of this nation—and it has already attracted the attention of the international media. To refer to this march as "an upcoming gay and lesbian march" is tantamount to calling the 1963 March on Washington "one of the Black civil rights marches."

The march, which is the focal point of more than 270 related events spanning nine days, thus far has received nearly 500 endorsements representing a broad cross-section of American society, including the NAACP, United Church of Christ, Amnesty International, NOW, Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Union of American Hebrew Congregations, to name a few. The participation of these diverse, mainstream organizations clearly establishes that we have reached a pivotal moment in the completion of the U.S. civil rights agenda, and that civil rights advocates from *all* communities are willing to work together on a common agenda of equality and fair treatment for *all* citizens.

Based on current available indicators, attendance at the 1993 March on Washington is expected to more than double the population of the District of Columbia. Hotel rooms inside the beltway are virtually impossible to acquire, according to the march's official hotel agency. All flights into National Airport are sold out on both April 23 and 24; flights on April 21 and 22 are already at more than 50 percent capacity. Cross-country train caravans have been organized, and more than 1,000 buses have been chartered around the nation to bring people to the march. And, since Washington is within a day's drive from several large East Coast population centers, more than half the participants may simply drive into the city that day.

It is critical that we get the message out to both the mainstream and gay communities that this march is not only about lesbian and gay rights—it is about the civil rights of all Americans who have been affected adversely by bigotry, religious intolerance, social inequity and other such injustices. In order for that to happen, however, the media must fulfill its obligation to be objective in reporting the march as a news story rather than automatically dismissing it as a "social" event.

Not unlike the American electoral process, this is an area in which gays, lesbians and bisexuals—both as organized groups and as individuals—can impact this movement. The 1987 March on Washington went largely ignored as a news story. *Newsweek, Time Magazine, The New York Times, U.S. News & World Report* and *The Los Angeles Times* were among the chief offenders. In 1993, at this critical point in the movement, we cannot allow that history to repeat itself. Even Jerry Falwell in recent writings has acknowledged that "(lesbian and gay) rights groups are attaining victory after victory all across America... despite our outcry and efforts." We can be victorious in this battle, too—we do have that power.

Let the editors of *Newsweek*, as well as those of other such wavering, noncommital news organizations, know where you stand on this issue. *Newsweek* may be contacted directly at (212) 350-4000; consult local directories for other news agencies you wish to address.

We hope to see you in D.C. on April 25. In the meantime, however, speak out loudly and convincingly about the strength of our movement.

We are not asking for special privileges—everything we have demanded is a simple matter of justice.

Gregory Adams
Communications Director
1993 March on Washington

Sisters' Demands

For months now the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc., of San Francisco, and numerous transgender people have been lobbying and negotiating for the inclusion of transgender issues in the 1993 March on Washington. The time has come for these demands to be publicized:

- "Transgender" should be included in the title of the 1993 March on Washington.
- Transgender people (transsexuals, transvestites

Hopeful dyke waits on Castro corner as part of the Women's Action Coalition (WAC)'s T-shirt drive to send dykes to Washington. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

and drag queens) should be included as performers, emcees and political speakers addressing transgender issues on the 1993 March on Washington stages.

• Transgender people and our issues should be included in press conferences, press releases, publications and all cultural events at the 1993 March on Washington.

Although the Sisters' socially conscious performance art may be deemed "unacceptable" by some lesbian, gay and bisexual leaders, there exists a plethora of "acceptable" transgender speakers, emcees and performers who we pray will be included at the 1993 March on Washington.

The Mother House
The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc.
San Francisco

Queers at Camerawork

I just wanted to drop a line and thank you for your recent article "Photography Not Pornography" (*SF Bay Times*, March 25). We here at Camerawork certainly appreciate the exposure and look forward to an interesting evening with Mark I. Chester and Tee Corrine.

However, there is one issue brought up in your article that I would like to clarify. In your first paragraph you stated, "This event marks the first time a local gay photographer has been asked to speak (at Camerawork)." How this statement came to be I have no idea—no matter, the truth is that Camerawork has a tremendous history of diversity in its exhibition and programming schedules, especially with local gay and lesbian artists.

In the past three years alone, Camerawork's guest speakers included Lyle Ashton Harris, Anthony Aziz, Osa Hildago, Dorothy Allison, Kevin Killian, Millie Wilson, Kathryn Clark, Kiss and Tell, Barbara Hammer and John Di Stefano among other West Coast "out" artists. On a national level we have included Robert Mapplethorpe, David Wojnarowicz, Nan Goldin and Duane Michaels, to name a few.

This summer, in conjunction with Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender Pride Month of June, Camerawork will host a group exhibition titled "Hypothalamic In(queer)ies," including work by "queer" artists, many of whom are local. As one of three openly gay persons from a staff of four, I can assure you that we are all especially excited about this exhibition and hope you and your readers will stop by and check it out.

I hope you understand my desire for clarity. I want to thank you for your efforts in the community and I look forward to seeing you at Camerawork soon.

Robert E. Kelley
Program Coordinator/Bookstore Manager
Camerawork
San Francisco

Community Awareness at Names Project

In his book review in your March 11 issue, Jack Fertig wrote of the Names Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, "What impact do quilt panels of Arkansans or Ithacans have in San Francisco? Are Chicagoans truly hit by the losses of San Franciscans represented (in the quilt)? I believe that if each community kept its own quilt to remember its own dead... these elements would have a greater, truer impact than the current lumped sum of the parts?"

In fact, years ago the Names Project found a way to avoid the problem imagined by Mr. Fertig. Thanks to the use of computer databases, each of the Quilt's 22,000 panels is displayed primarily in those cities deemed "special" by the person who made it. For instance, a panelmaker in Ithaca, N.Y., who made a panel for a friend from Boston whose family lives in Hartford may designate all three of those cities as places where the panel should be displayed. When a Quilt display is organized in any of those three cities, the Names Project makes every effort to include that panel.

At every display we urge community awareness of local AIDS resources and we collect donations which we distribute locally to bolster those resources.

For more information about the Names Project and the AIDS Memorial Quilt, call 882-5500.

Ben Carlson
Media Coordinator, Names Project
San Francisco

BACW's Adopt-a-Highway

The weather goddess finally smiled upon Bay Area Career Women (BACW) Sonoma/Marin's first lesbians-against-litter patrol in north Novato on Sunday, March 7. Sixteen enthusiastic women from both counties felt the thrill of donning orange safety uniforms which featured fashion-plate bright white Adopt-a-Highway hardhats, and nifty extension trash pinchers, which were prudently kept away from each other's derrieres.

Besides the satisfaction of doing something for the environment and the community, it was honestly quite enjoyable to stroll along with "buds" and search for "treasures." Among the bottles and cans, broken this and that, the "Sonoma Cowgirl" won the "Wackiest Trash" award by finding a placard reading: "I hope you don't fuck like you park! You'll never get it in!"

Guess you'll be careful how you park from now on! Qualifying for the most useful find was a practically brand-new truck back wheel cover proclaiming, "I'm proud to be an American," soon to be edited to read I'm proud to be a ▼ American, and truly displayed with pride.

The next Adopt-a-Highways are scheduled for May 2 and July 11, to be followed by pool parties at a nearby participant's "spa." If you'd like to join the fun, call either Susan at (415) 892-0509 or Christine at (707) 996-1550 (before 8 pm please), and look for our Adopt-a-Highway sign at the Atherton/San Marin exit on 101!

Bay Area Career Women

Alms for a Rave?

For years adult gays have been the targets of complaints that we do not concern ourselves enough in assisting young gays to make the difficult transition required in this society to find their own place as adults. And the complaints are right on.

Now, however, I find a flyer that's being distributed for a "rave" called "A Ceremony of Young Gay Love," which leaves a lot of unanswered questions. First, since the flyer states that the dance is "only for those children born after 1968," what do young gays who love someone born before 1968 do for dates?

The flyer then asks that "alms" of $3 be brought for entrance. My understanding of "alms" is something given to the poor. Does this flyer mean to portray the event promoters as the poor? Do the event promoters have little cardboard spaces laid out on Market Street? How about the DJs, who are promoted as "Archbishops of the Turntable"? Do they live on the streets? Are the "alms" for them?

The commercialization of "rave" events is probably one of the biggest hypocrisies being perpetrated in the '90s, locally. Rave was meant to be about communion... as the backside of this flyer suggests. But, the flyer of this event should read, "marginalization and profit" rather than "communion." I suggest "children born before 1968" take a look at these DJs and the promoter of this event and avoid them in the future. Rave is *not* about exclusion or profit. And those who take part in such things should be marked as the sharks they are. The use of sacred imagery for this marginalizing and profit-making event is just more proof that the money changers have made their way back into the temple. It's offensive to anyone with a grasp of what is sacred and what is "rave."

Maybe the promoters of this event (and DJs associated with it) will donate a portion of their "alms" to youth groups like the Larkin Street Youth Center or LYRIC?

Michael Van Dyke
San Francisco

The Word on Oral Safety?

In the March 25 issue, Laura Lynn Jansen's letter ("Adress Lesbian Sex," *SF Bay Times*) touched on the absence of safer sex products for lesbians at the AIDS Dance-a-Thon. Ms. Jansen requested the distribution of microwavable Saran Wrap.

The final word is not out yet: Is microwavable safer than regular? A quick phone call to several reputable sources (hospitals, condom stores, the SF Sex Information Line, AIDS agencies, health professionals) yields mixed responses, due to the porosity of microwavable plastic wrap.

Someone needs to resolve this issue and present the final analysis to the general public. Lesbians, as well as heterosexuals and bisexuals, engage in oral-vaginal sex. We all need to have correct and consistent safer sex information.

Joe Collins
San Francisco

Gutter Fight

It saddens me that so many in our community have sunk to the level of the gutter. I am speaking of Dan Lightly's reply to my letter ("Common Sense 101," *SF Bay Times*, March 11). There is no discernible argument in Lightly's letter ("Dehydrated Turnip," *SF Bay Times*, March 25), just ad hominem abuse. Mr. Lightly disagrees with me, so he advises me to see a therapist. If this isn't crass, I don't know what is.

Thank you, Mr. Lightly, for proving my argument about politically correct orthodoxy in the gay community. Not very long ago, homosexuals were told they were sick because their sexuality didn't "agree" with that society deemed "normal" sexuality. Mr. Lightly uses the same technique with his opponents: "If you don't agree with me, you must be sick."

Well, I didn't notice an "M.D." after Mr. Lightly's name, so I don't know what it is that qualifies him to advise anyone to see a therapist. And I don't know why he would grant such credence to a profession that up until recently said all homosexuals are perverts. Do you have a brain, Mr. Lightly? Hello?

The fact is, Mr. Lightly knows what I am saying is right. He can't argue against it, so in a childish rage he calls me a sicko. This is what I mean when I say that so many of us have sunk to the level of the gutter: If you can't win an argument fair and square, just trash your opponent. Well, you win, Mr. Lightly. I wouldn't even try to sink to your level.

Mr. Lightly, I don't feel even the slightest bit guilty about what I said about Mr. Sembe and the gay community or what I am about to say to you. You don't have an original thought in your head, so you've simply decided to jump on the politically correct bandwagon and defend people of color. Well, how heroic of you. It must take great courage to preach to the choir. As for sensitivity, I don't think you even know the meaning of the word. It is obvious that human beings don't exist as concrete individuals for you. They are simply members of groups which you either support or oppose.

Isn't that the crux of Sembe's argument? That all white people are devils and all people of color are saints? You accuse me of a lack of sensitivity in pointing out the stupidity of such an argument, but only the most insensitive clod could possibly agree with it.

Mr. Lightly, I would advise you to spare people of color (and everyone else) your "support" and your condescension. And I would advise you, Mr. Sembe, and everyone else concerned about the very real problem of racism in the gay community to get serious about solving it. Idiocy of the type so evident in your letter is no solution.

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Electronic Mail for Political Mobilization Community Building

Recent problems in Congress, where critical budget and other decisions are coming up, have shown that the AIDS community must do much better in getting people throughout the country to let their representatives know that AIDS matters to them. We believe that phone calls, personal visits and letters are still the most important ways to contact Congress. But while researching the new technologies available for organizing these old-fashioned calls, letters, and visits, we learned that electronic mail could be valuable to the AIDS community, for both political and non-political needs.

"Electronic mail," also called e-mail, refers to sending text messages by computer, either to individual recipients or to distribution lists. The messages are not necessarily typed by the sender; they may also be messages which the sender received and forwarded to other interested parties, or other information already available by computer which the sender may select from or customize.

Electronic mail can be much more flexible and considerably less expensive than other communication systems such as fax, long-distance calls or first-class mail. Until now, its use has been limited for two reasons. (1) Until recently, systems involving computer communication over phone lines have been difficult to learn how to use (and many still are). And (2), a chicken-and-egg problem retards the spread of any new communications technology into a community, as people have little incentive to use a communications medium if their friends and colleagues are not using it.

Many different systems of electronic mail are available. Fortunately, it is not necessary for everybody in the AIDS community to choose the same one, because most of the major public systems can send messages to each other automatically.

ADVANTAGES OF ELECTRONIC MAIL

While the available systems have different strengths, it is now possible to combine many advantages.

They are easy to use—not much harder to learn than a fax machine—and quick. The better systems automatically handle the communication technology, and require no jargon or technical settings by the user. E-mail is instantaneous on most systems, and it is convenient. Sending a message requires little more than typing the name of the recipient, and can be sent to a distribution list of 10, 100, or more as easily as to an individual—just by typing the name of the list instead of the name of the person—and can be sent anywhere in the world.

Recipients can easily send replies to the sender, without even typing the name of the addressee. The sender can use this facility to plan easy-response voting and surveys. E-mail encourages senders who want a reply to send a "yesable proposition"—something that the recipient can respond to, if they want, without extensive research or other expenditure of time or resources.

E-mail eliminates phone tag; it's usually compatible with standard word processors, and some systems will allow you to send a fax directly from e-mail, even if you do not have a fax machine. Also, some systems let you send a first-class letter directly from e-mail.

Messages sent and received can be saved on the computer and later searched for any word(s) which appeared in the title or the text. All earlier references to an individual, organization, date, event, or other subject can be found immediately—an important advantage for organizers. Messages can be sent to public (or private) discussions, or be posted on electronic bulletin boards. You do not need to know the recipients in advance, but can use these media to contact new people who are working on similar projects, or who share your interests.

Electronic mail allows people who may be isolated in small towns or rural areas, or shut in for health reasons, or who choose to remain anonymous, to connect with others who share their interests. It is now possible for people who are physically isolated to do important activist or other work by computer.

In case your organization does need to purchase a computer, some inexpensive, older, second-hand machines will work almost as well for e-mail as the newest models. If you need a modem (the device which connects the computer to a telephone line), a new one can cost as little as $100. Be sure to get one with a data transmission speed of 2400 bps (or higher). Some modems will also let you send and receive faxes directly from your computer, without a fax machine.

You normally connect to e-mail by a telephone call from your computer to the nearest "node," or connection point, to one of several nation-wide data communication networks; this is usually less expensive than paying for a long-distance call to the city where the computer which runs the electronic-mail system is located. Often the cost of the data network is included in the hourly charge you pay for using e-mail; sometimes it is billed separately. Usually this communication cost is low; but if you are in Alaska, Hawaii, or outside the United States, the cost can be substantially more than from the other states.

OBSTACLES OF E-MAIL IN THE AIDS COMMUNITY

In the past, technical difficulty and cost were the main obstacles to wider use of e-mail. Today these problems are no longer serious; they are fairly easily overcome. There is an approach which large or small organizations, or individuals

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can start now on their own—using e-mail to provide service and leadership on AIDS to communities already on e-mail, especially those they have a connection with. For example, although there has been relatively little AIDS activity on most e-mail systems, there are large and active gay groups which use them.

Persons interested in AIDS who take the time to develop some expertise could be of service in many ways, such as distributing political action alerts from AIDS organizations; summarizing news stories about AIDS; compiling resource lists of information sources, service organizations, etc., which they or their friends have personally found useful; bringing together individuals and groups with interests in common; or contributing their own expertise or special knowledge. For example, a biochemist could start a discussion to help people understand news reports about experimental treatments.

The possibilities are endless. But the key to providing leadership is the same in each case—to be helpful to the people already online, through use of your personal resources such as professional background, contacts, specialized knowledge, experience, and/or hard work. You can become a leader this way no matter where you live, even if you cannot physically travel to any AIDS organizations or meetings.

As we researched this article, we found repeated hints that e-mail use for AIDS work is ready to take off. People we have worked with turned out to have new e-mail accounts, although we had not previously known of them having any interest in this area.

POLITICAL MOBILIZATION

How could e-mail help mobilize citizens to contact their representatives about AIDS issues? We believe that the major political use of e-mail in the near future can be illustrated by the following scenario.

An AIDS lobbyist in Washington learns that it is important that members of a certain House or Senate committee receive calls from their voters back home quickly, perhaps in the next two or three days, before a crucial vote. The lobbyist composes an action alert and sends it by e-mail, perhaps directly from the Capitol building, to all members of a board (which may represent several organizations) which will decide whether to call the alert on this issue. Because of the urgency, the board members are also alerted by phone; otherwise, they might not know to check their e-mail that day.

After a meeting or phone conversations among the board, the alert is modified and approved. A staff member then sends the alert by e-mail to several hundred key local contacts—organizations or individuals in or near the home districts of the members of the committee. Sending these hundreds of messages—using a distribution list previously prepared for that particular committee and entered into the e-mail system—takes about ten minutes of the staff person's time, so it does not have to wait behind other urgent business, as sending several hundred faxes would.

These local contacts can be allied organizations, or paid part-time employees of the lobbying organization, or key volunteers. Each picks up the phone and makes several, several dozen, or several hundred local calls to residents of the congressional district who have previously signed up to receive these action alerts, and agreed to act on most of them. The same day, thousands of calls from constituents start to come in to members of the congressional committee. All these callers have received a professionally prepared briefing— but they do not all say the same thing, as the action alert suggests that they speak from their personal experiences. The end result is not only a large number of messages to Congress on the immediate issue, but also a contribution to the long-term education of Congress on the importance of AIDS to their voters—as well as the development of local organizations throughout the country, building additional strength for the

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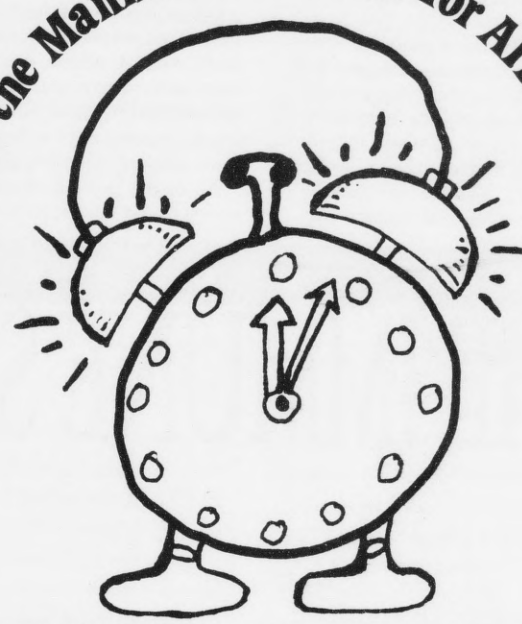

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The only significant e-mail expense is the cost of sending the alert to the several hundred local contacts; this can cost as little as a few cents each. For a major activation, the total e-mail expense might be less than $100 for a House committee, somewhat more for a Senate committee (since districts cover the entire state), and more for a general mobilization for a vote on the House or Senate floor. The main expense of the whole activation is not e-mail or computers, but paying the local contacts when they are not volunteers.

Some of these local contacts, especially the volunteers, might also get a phone call from the staff of the lobbying organization, telling them that urgent e-mail has arrived. Since there might be only a few action alerts each month, the volunteers might not be in the habit of checking their e-mail every day.

What happens if local contacts are out of town and do not get their e-mail or phone messages until it is too late to call their lists? One way to guard against this is to have these contacts (or one person on each of their local lists) call back to the lobbying organization which called the alert, to say that they have received it. As these calls come in, staff members check off the local contacts who are known to be making their calls—and then telephone previously-arranged substitutes when necessary.

It is also important to check whether the end recipients of the alerts are actually calling their representatives. An easy way to find out is to have the local contacts ask them occasionally, during the calls they are making anyway, and keep track of the answers on survey forms. With this information, the organization calling the action alerts can monitor and maintain the system, knowing where to tune or extend it when necessary.

It would be helpful if a coalition of several major organizations would call these alerts, to make them authoritative and assure the public that they were well-thought-out and represented a strong AIDS consensus. Also, the financing should be handled separately from the decision-making process, so that immediate financial crises in certain organizations do not force them to pull out of some alerts and interfere with consensus development. And we believe it is also important that these alerts go to people who want them and, in return for getting them, have agreed that they will usually respond; this way costs are kept down, and there will be a good response rate.

All of this could be set up today. The only reason it hasn't happened already using e-mail is that AIDS activists and organizers are so busy that most have not had time to explore this new area. Also, organizations are afraid of taking on a continuing financial commitment to a new technology; they are held back by the fear (needless, we think) that expenses could be large and difficult to control. We hope this article will help by providing a picture of what could be done, what costs are involved, and how to begin.

PRIVACY CONSIDERATIONS

An article in the April 6 *Advocate*, "Online With the FBI," looks at some of the legal and privacy concerns for e-mail users. The major legal battle now concerns sexually explicit material, especially graphics, transmitted by computer. This does not immediately affect political organizing.

Aside from legal questions, some people with AIDS or HIV need to maintain their privacy for various reasons—for example, the concern that insurance companies or others might buy AIDS or gay lists, prepared for marketing purposes, to use as blacklists. E-mail systems usually allow and often encourage the use of "handles"—you do not need to tell other users your real name. But usually this communication is not truly anonymous, because most of the commercial systems require a credit card or other payment method which would allow the owner of the account to be traced by the system's operators.

You can get AIDS information by computer while remaining truly anonymous. Some of the best sources of computerized AIDS information are free, and as a public service allow anyone to use them without giving their name or making any prior arrangements (see phone numbers below). But while you can receive much AIDS information this way, your ability to send messages anonymously is limited.

Anyone using e-mail must assume that all their communications are saved forever, as the companies providing the service need to create frequent backup copies of their computer data for archival storage, so that people's messages will not be lost in case of equipment failure. These backups can be searched quickly and completely—by law enforcement agencies or by the system administrators themselves—to find topics of interest or to obtain an audit trail of one's communication. (Technically it would be possible for an e-mail system to provide a "sunset" capability, guaranteeing destruction of all copies of messages after a certain length of time, but we have not heard of such a service being offered.)

Some privacy must be provided, or people will not trust computer communication for important uses, and the potential of the medium will be lost. But usually this privacy is protected only by law and by custom, not by technology controlled by the user. With e-mail, the law, custom, and technology are still in early stages and rapidly developing. At present, therefore, privacy depends in part on the different philosophies of the organizations and individuals who run the various systems.

E-MAIL SYSTEMS: WHERE TO BEGIN

Electronic mail systems publicly available include (in alphabetical order): America Online, AppleLink, CompuServe, Delphi, FidoNET, GEnie, MCI Mail, Peacenet, and The Well. Each has its own strengths and weaknesses. If you are part of a group which is already using one of these or a similar system, that one may be your best choice.

Make sure that any system you select can send e-mail to and receive e-mail from the Internet, an international network of thousands of computers, often at universities. Most of the large systems which offer e-mail, including those named above, do connect to the Internet; but some others do not. Through the Internet, you can communicate with many thousands of users around the world. (You do not subscribe to the Internet directly, but use its facilities through other computer services.)

AIDS INFO BY COMPUTER

Besides the major commercial and nonprofit e-mail services, there are also thousands of "computer bulletin board systems" (BBS)—small, independent operations often run by individuals. A few of these are AIDS-specific; many more are primarily gay but may have AIDS information sections. These can be useful for information-sharing and political mobilizing; however, their e-mail facilities are limited, and these systems are not as easy to use as modern e-mail systems like America Online. The computer equipment required to use BBS systems is the same as for e-mail.

The AEGIS (AIDS Education General Information System) network links AIDS-related bulletin boards in Australia, Canada, England, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and 26 states in the U.S. The co-founder of the AEGIS network is the "HIV/AIDS Info BBS," run by the Sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, located in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. This system is free, it has a large collection of AIDS information available, and you can submit new information which, if accepted, will be transmitted internationally to the other AEGIS systems at no cost to you.

To connect to the HIV/AIDS Info BBS, have your computer call 714/248-2836. Communication settings should be 8 data bits, no parity, one stop bit. The system itself will provide further instructions.

Another system, the AIDS Info BBS, is separate from the one above, despite the similar

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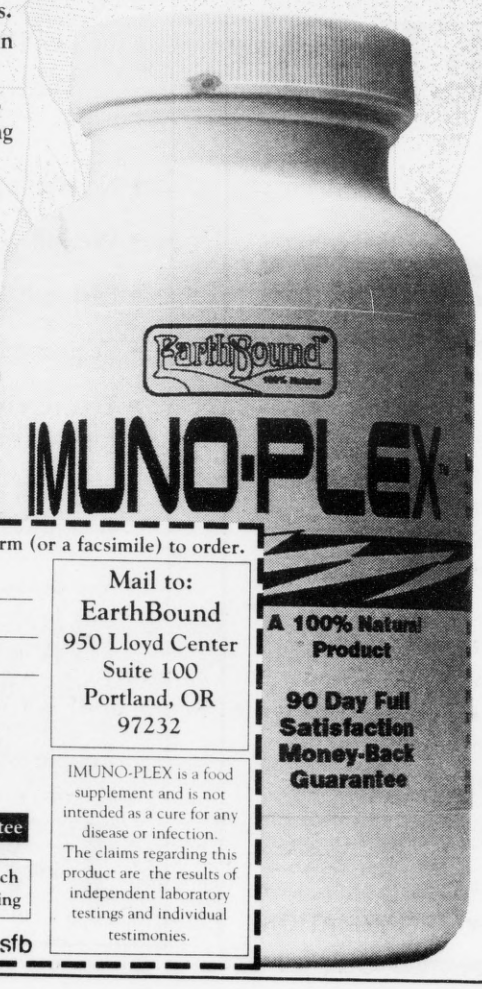

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names. The AIDS Info BBS has been run in San Francisco by Ben Gardiner since July 1985. It also has an extensive AIDS library available to callers, and it also allows free, anonymous use. (The system asks first-time users who they are, but these questions are optional.)

To connect to the AIDS Info BBS, have your computer call 415/626-1246. To begin, type one or two carriage returns. Then follow the instructions provided.

The Computerized AIDS Information Network (CAIN) is funded by the state of California, primarily as a service to California AIDS agencies. CAIN is not a BBS, but is provided through the Delphi system (one of the electronic-mail services mentioned above), so it is not free or anonymous; an account with Delphi is required. For more information, call CAIN at 213/993-7415.

AIDSLINE is not a BBS but a major research database, provided by the U.S. National Library of Medicine, of references and abstracts to AIDS-related articles published in scientific and medical journals. It contains selected records from MEDLINE, as well as other information such as abstracts published in AIDS conference proceedings. It is available either directly through the NLM, or through a number of different commercial database services.

OTHER TECHNOLOGIES

E-mail is only one of the new technologies which can allow rapid, targeted mobilization of people willing to phone their congressional representatives and others about issues important to them. Two others that activists should also consider:

• Fax broadcast. This allows you to send one fax to a distribution list which may include hundreds of recipients. One service, offered by MCI Telecommunications Corporation, offers pricing as low as about 25 cents per fax for a short fax at off-peak hours. One advantage of this approach to political mobilizing is that only the central organization needs to use a computer—not the fax recipients.

• Voice broadcast. This technology, now starting to be used in political campaigns, makes automatic calls to ordinary phones or answering machines to deliver action alerts (hopefully to people who have asked or agreed to receive them). Organizations can make many thousands of calls in a day to mobilize their supporters quickly. A major advantage of such systems is that recipients only need to have and use a telephone, not a fax machine or computer.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

A project co-sponsored by ACT UP/New York is planning the development of a national mobilizing network on AIDS issues, using the new and old communication technologies available. It is likely to focus on voice and/or fax systems more than e-mail. For more information, call Eric Sawyer at 212/864-5672, or George Hunt at 816/241-8439.

This group will hold a meeting in Washington, D.C., probably on April 24, the day before the lesbian/gay March on Washington. Call Eric Sawyer or George Hunt for the time and place.

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April Storms

This week all hell busts loose. Oh, you've noticed? Mercury, Mars and soon the Sun are aspecting Neptune, Uranus and each other, all from their respective signs. Mercury is leading the pack from Pisces, where he leads us to mystic or artistic inspirations. This is a nice time to draw a picture, write a poem, do some ritual work or introspective examination. Logic and science are not at their best now. The Sun in Aries brings out the spark of initiative, which would be nice if any of the other planets were providing a bit of focus or follow-through. Mars is in Cancer—one of my favorite signs, but not the best place for Mars. This tends to make people moody and defensive, acting out on whims and feelings, rather than purpose or thoughtful direction. Actually, this is a wonderful time for self-examination, spiritual challenges, retreats, *Cursillo*, although it's a bit enthusiastic and sloppy for anything as demanding as a Sundance.

In the real world—such as it is—people will be a bit more playful, but also a bit more cranky and volatile than usual. Let little arguments slide by and agree to disagree. Stay near the front of the bus. Fun spots will be all the more fun, but bashing is also expected to increase.

The good news is that this will all break up well before The March. The aspects for that week indicate good hard work and camaraderie.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Work is confusing and home isn't a lot better. You may be sorely tempted to cut loose, do what you like anyway, and damn the consequences. That's one choice. Option number two is to write poetry or draw pictures that get at the root of your frustration. Old stuff from your family has something to do with it. Another good way to stay out of trouble is some sort of community work, preferably involving food or families. Call Open Hand, Family Link, or Rita Rockett. They'll put your energy to good use. *Happy Birthday: Terry Rose, Robert Haule, Autumn Courtney, & Ron Walent!*

TAURUS: You usually measure your words before you speak, but now you're particularly outspoken. That could prove a blessing in disguise. You will probably reveal a lot more about yourself than you intend, but then you will learn even more than others about your internal workings. Friends are more helpful than you could imagine and a great deal more than you would desire, but look through their words to a deeper meaning and you will find them helpful indeed. A challenge from your partner is not as bad as it looks at first glance, but it won't be easy either! *Happy Birthday: Gene Price!*

GEMINI: Political maneuvers may appear irresistible, but think them out very carefully. Very carefully. Right now you have a wonderful charisma that draws all kinds of attention, but it's easy for you to misjudge some of the attentions. You can easily find yourself way over your head in struggles over money and power. If you can stay out of those struggles, this can be a wonderful week for work and money. Talk everything out with the boss first; then work on the problem at hand. Consider input from friends, but take everything with a grain of salt.

CANCER: As energetic as you are these days, it's all too easy to get ahead of yourself. And if you aren't keeping up with yourself, how can you expect others to? Your eagerness to propel yourself into the spotlight can easily succeed, but probably to your detriment. To avoid trouble look at it this way: Every goal has some philosophical underpinning. Discuss your motives and ideals with your partner. Play with the ideas. Discuss innovations at work, but don't commit to anything quite yet. Your ideas are very innovative, but they need further work.

LEO: Oh, shush! Just shush up! You may be charming most of the time, but right now you just have your tail in a knot. OK, you do have some very real frustrations. Work and health are problematic now. Complaining is less than helpful. Moreover, it's symptomatic of sexual frustration. (This is not a core problem right now, but it feeds your current cantankerosity.) You are not a tragic figure, but a drama queen. The best thing you can do is to offer your services to those who are less fortunate than yourself. Actually, those are most folks. Help those who are *much* less fortunate.

VIRGO: Hot? You are volcanic! The question remains whether you will be a gorgeous ooze of hot liquids *a la* Mauna Loa, or will you be an explosive burst of destruction? Playful communication is most important. It's also imperative that you do not take yourself too seriously. Also try to see any verbal or intellectual challenges in a humorous light. Seemingly innocent fun and games can quickly escalate into bloodthirsty competition. Even beyond the usual bruised feelings this can lead you to real danger.

LIBRA: For the sign of stellar balance, you've got your fulcrum all tied up in knots. It's helpful now to concentrate on your work, but remember to concentrate on *your* work. Right now you're a little too invested in what other people are up to and how to work it all to your best advan—uh, I mean *everybody's* best advantage. As good as you usually are at helping others, you are now especially likely to confuse their best interests with your own. To make it worse, your senses of humor and perspective are now a bit impaired. Housework, or other work you can do alone at home, is the best way to stay out of trouble.

SCORPIO: Right now you need to be very careful of your health. But an important part of that care is to relax, remember to play, and don't worry about it. Just do the right things and keep in balance. Miscommunication, especially at work, is likely to become very inflammatory. Part of it is frustration over your struggle to maintain focus. Relax. Look at ways to re-think your tasks. Make sure you have a creative expressive outlet for all that steam. And make sure it's in an appropriate place!

SAGITTARIUS: Enthusiasm has ever been your crowning glory, but nowadays it rings a bit false. Even you may feel that you are overdoing things. Be very careful. Excess can be very dangerous right now, and your usual good luck is not dependable. What are you trying to prove? Voices out of your past, especially parental echoes, are a bit unsettling, but if you can listen critically you can glean some very important tidbits from your past. The challenge you need to take up right now is an internal examination. Everybody's life is cluttered with (mostly petty) old lies. This is a great time to confront and dispose of some of yours.

CAPRICORN: If your home is getting to feel like a battlefield, the problem is not a matter of who's winning or even who's fighting. Why you are struggling is the important issue, and that's even different than "what are you fighting about." Your current uncertainty about yourself is very uncharacteristic and thus all the more unsettling. To make it worse you're projecting like mad. Talking with friends is helpful. Imaginary conversations with parents provide important insights. Logic, usually your best friend, is now a distraction.

AQUARIUS: This can be a great time to demonstrate that you do indeed deserve a raise or a promotion. The challenge for you is to shut up and let your work speak for itself. Oh, O.K., you can discuss the topic, but soft pedal it! Your tendency to get ahead of yourself makes you your own worst enemy. It's one thing to demonstrate your capacity; quite another to go on and on about how hard you're working and how you deserve more. Conflict with authority should challenge your thoughtful (yes, quiet) adaptability, not your skill at debate.

PISCES: Impulse spending has ever been an issue for you. If you can control it this week you can control it almost anytime. The road to your purse strings starts at your mouth. First of all be careful of what you say. Small bursts of generosity can easily get out of hand and lead to extravagant commitments. Your friends are worse than no help at all. Their best intentions can prove expensive and your efforts to keep up with them will prove worse. This is a good time to look at your priorities and to consider what's important, but not a good time to make hard and fast decisions on the subject. Write a priority list, but keep it in pencil for now. ✿

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Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret: A one-man comedy about the unending search for Mr Right/Right-Now/Whatever (from a queer Asian perspective), featuring Jesselito Cocjin Bie. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 4/18 at 8 pm, $10. After Wed & Sun performances Chin will perform a short excerpt from his work-in-progress "Advice for Tragic Queens at Home & Abroad." 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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Inspiration Pt/Tilden Park Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Grizzly Peak to either South Park Drive or Shasta Road. Continue on to Wildcat Canyon Road & follow Wildcat Canyon to Inspiration Pt, on left. Meet 9:30 am in parking lot. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

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Premier Video Showing of the 5th anniversary Leather Coronation: Spons by Vern Stewart, the King of Leather, Le Roi de Cuir V, at the Bear, 440 Castro St, SF. 3-6 pm. Beer and soda bust for $6, 50/50 raffle. His Majesty, King Stewart will be assisted by his royal consort, Bill Gooch, the Crown Prince of Leather, Le Dauphin V and the Chevaliers of the 1993 Leather Court. Orders will be accepted for copies of the video tape & souvenir t-shirts bearing the official logo of the Leather Coronation.

Traditions, Transitions: The 1993 Asian Pacific Performing Arts Festival: Two programs, 4/10 at 3 pm at Luis Valdez Performing Arts Center, Independence High School. North Jackson btwn McKee & Mabury Sts, San Jose, features Lily Cai Chinese Dance, Chinese Performing Artists, Ashta Taiko, Unbound Spirit Dance Co, Asako Takami & Mythili Kumar, and Thai Classical Music & Dance Troupe. 4/17 at 8 pm at Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon St, Oakland, with Leianuenue Polynesian Dance, Barangay Dance Co, Unbound Spirit Dance Co, Indumathy Ganesh and a collaboration btwn Abhinaya Dance Co and San Jose Taiko. Tix $15 at door, $12 in adv. Info/res: 392-4400.

Dinner at Chevy's with Girth & Mirth Club. Everyone orders from the menu. Meet at 5:30 pm, 4th & Howard, downtown SF. Followed by after-dinner party at 176-B Page St, SF. The club supplies finger foods & drinks, $1 admission. Fun starts at 8 pm. For more info call 824-0260. Girth & Mirth is a club for chubby gay men and our admirers.

Heavy Metal Bands AIDS Benefit in Santa Rosa: *Artizan, Electric Punishment, Ice, Indulgence, Mother Murphy* and *The Unknown* in concert to benefit Face to Face, an organization providing free services to people living with AIDS in Sonoma County. 7 pm, $10 at door, $8 adv (available at Zone Music in Cotati, Daddy-O's Pizza in Cotati & Petaluma and People's Music in Sebastopol). Phoenix Theatre, 201 Washington St, Petaluma. Info: (707) 544-7139 or (707) 544-1581.

Gay Youth Cabaret spons by Sexual Identity Forum (SIF). Benefit performance features musical, dramatic & artistic talents of lesbian, gay & bisexual young people. Produced entirely by people under 21. 7 pm, $10 gen'l, $5 youth under 23. Additional donations are welcome. St Paul's Lutheran Church, 1658 Excelsior at Woodruff, Oakland. Info: 905-4426 or 572-0535.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Calvin Trillin discusses *Remembering Denny,* the strue story of his college classmate, Denny Hansen, the golden boy of the Yale class of '57, who committed suicide. The book examines the values & expectations of the '50s, and how different they are from life today. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Kaboom! Ten Stories for Dorothy Allison's Writing for Performance Workshop: 7:30 pm, $3 suggested donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Work by Nao Bustamante, Laura Moxie, Katia Noyes & Albert Park. The Lab, 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

Poetry in the Blink of an Eye: Deaf Poetry/Deaf Culture—A two-part series focusing on visual poetry, American Sign Language and Deaf culture, spons by Small Press Distribution. Today at 8 pm: Performance by Peter Cook, actor/writer & one of the foremost exponents of visual poetry in ASL. 4/17 at 8 pm: Ella Mae Lentz, educator & poet/performer, shares her work. Tix $4. 1814 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Both events are curated by poet/cultural critic Daniel Davidson and ASL translator Kristy Feck.

Over Our Heads: Night of improv comedy & music with Karen Ripley, Teresa Chandler, Annie Larson & Marian Damon. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info: (510) 428-9684. Mama Bears, 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

At ATA: "Truth or Consequences," see Matthew Buckingham's *The Truth About Abraham Lincoln,* Carla Leshne's *Lies,* David Shulman's *Counterfeit Coverage,* Ken Feingold's *Un Chien Delicieux,* Phil Patiris' *Biosphere/Liarsphere* and other shorts. 8:30 pm, $5. ATA Gallery, 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

All-Woman Band Night at El Rio with *Malibu Barbie, Stone Fox* and *Gash.* 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Holy Week Services at MCC-SF: Holy Saturday "Great Vigil of Easter," a solemn observance anticipating the resurrection of Christ. Worshippers gather at 10 pm for an hour of prayer, chant & Holy Communion by candlelight, following the ancient tradition of the earliest Christians. Metropolitan Community Church of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Tom Ammiano, Suzy Berger & Lisa Geduldig. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Supervisor Migden Mania—*Carole Migden Look-Alike Contest* and fundraiser for the 1993 March on Washington at Product, Miss Ggreg Deborah Taylor, O.S.'s fabulous Saturday club. Contest open to all. To be judged by the Honorable Supe herself, along with judges Herb Caen and Kim Corsaro. Criteria for contestants? Syling and Presentation. Can anybody match this gal? Contest starts 10:30pm. 1015 Folsom. ProductLine: 431-2697.

APR 11 / S U N

2nd Annual Easter Demo at Capital Christian Center by the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, Inc: The Sisters and their Queer Army return on Easter Sunday to hold a marriage mass & demo at the CCC, a fundamentalist church in Sacramento. All lesbians, gays, queers & transgenders are invited to have their relationships sanctified & blessed by the good Sisters. Come drag out your finest Easter regalia, don't forget to wear that special Easter bonnet for the "Stop the Hats" Bonnet Contest. Roundtrip motorized coach leaves Market & Church St Safeway for Sacramento at 7:45 am, returns to SF by 5 pm the same day. Transportation donation of $15, no one turned away for lack of funds. Space is limited, reservations are required, call the Reservation Line 552-0220 to reserve your seat by 4/7.

Easter Sunday Services at MCC-SF: Three joyful services of music & Holy Communion at 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. Choral music includes the "Hallejuah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah* in the morning, gospel music at night. Annual Easter Bonnet Contest held after the 11 am service. Each service followed by a coffee hour. Metropolitan Community Church-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

"Marx's Revolution in Logic: Dialectical Materialism," is this week's topic for the Logic of Marxism class taught by feminist writer/theoretician Nellie Wong. Class explores the analytical method of Marxism as common sense thinking for the 21st century. 11 am-1 pm, $4 gen'l, $2 low income. Spons by Freedom Socialist Party. Valencia Hall, 523-A Valencia St, SF. Info: 864-1278.

Easter Sunday at Ziggurat in Guerneville: "Supermodel Sunday" with Easter Bonnet Contest, special prizes and drinks, plus RuPaul look-a-like contest with VJ/DJ Torch! Opens at noon, festivities begin at 4 pm. Info: (707) 869-1400.

The unending search for Mr. Right takes on a unique queer Asian perspective in Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," featuring Jesselito Cocjin Bie, Wednesday-Sunday at Josie's Cabaret. See Calendar for info. Photo by Mark I. Chester

Men's Potluck Brunch spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

Marin BACW Easter Picnic: Join Bay Area Career Women for an Easter egg hunt! Fun includes raffle, volleyball, horseshoes, card games & lots of babes! Noon-5 pm. Meet at the Petaluma Cheese Factory (Take Hwy 101 to Atherton/San Marin exit, head west 3 miles to Novato Blvd, turn right and enjoy Marin in the spring for the next 6.3 miles, turn left at the end of the road. The Cheese Factory is a quarter of the mile down on the right. Follow the BACW signs to our private campground! Wear layered clothing. $5. Info: Lynne 457-4866.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Candela.* 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

BBQ & Rock with *Blue Star* and *Gottaowee* at Bottom of the Hill, 1233 17th St, SF. 4:30 pm, $3.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade & Celebration General Membership Meeting: 5 pm at the Construction Center, 205 13th St at Mission, SF. Info: 864-3733.

Krishnamurti Dialogue at the home of Janey Ferguson, 460 Hanover Ave, Oakl. 7 pm tonight & 4/18.

Justin Chin in "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9.

"Heat," at 848—final performance! See 4/9 listing for details.

APR 12 / MON

Beginning & Intermediate Guitar Classes with songwriter/performer Judith Kate Friedman begin today. Info/reg: 824-5283.

Come Out & Celebrate: UC Berkeley Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance (MBLGA) sponsors Bisexual, Lesbian, Gay & Transgender Pride Week today thru 4/18. Programming features a wide variety of events appealing to our diverse community. For details call (510) 642-6942. All events are open to the public, and most are free.

Keith Meinhold Reception: Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund honors US Naval Petty Officer Keith Meinhold and his attorney John I McGuire for their fight against the military's ban against lesbian & gay servicepeople. Meinhold & McGuire discuss the recent precedent-setting decision they won in *Volker Keith Meinhold v. US Department of Defense* in which US District Court Judge Terry Hatter ruled that the Navy's discrimination against gays was unconstitutional & violated the equal protection guarantee of the 5th Amendment. Reception held 5:30-7:30 pm at SF's City Club. Info: Charlie Spiegel 822-5027.

Muni welcomes neighborhood views on the City's Bayshore Transit Study. Community meetings are part of Muni's year-long study of transit improvements for the Bayshore/Third Street corridor in the southeastern section of SF. All meetings are held 6-8 pm. Schedule: Tonight at Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro St. 4/15: Southeast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Ave at Phelps (Bayview/Hunters Point). 4/29: Visitacion Valley Community Center, 66 Raymond Ave at Bayshore. Info: 923-6100.

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm for potluck supper/discussion at 77 Waller St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli tonight & 4/19 at 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 648-6332.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret, with emcee Scott Silverman. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring queer comics sign up by phone. 3583 16 St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Krishnamurti Video & Dialogue at the home of Roberto Moreiras, 139 Farnum St, SF. 8 pm tonight & 4/19. Info: 469-0606.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Poetry reading by Black feminist editor, writer, poet & political activist Denise Harvey and Jewish lesbian activist, writer & perinatal social worker Karen Erlichman. 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

The Homegirl & the Shayne Maidle: A poetry reading with Black feminist poet/writer/educator Denise Harvey and Jewish lesbian feminist poet & *Bay Times* writer Karen Erlichman. 8 pm. Old Wives' Tales Bookstore, 1009 Valencia St, SF. Jewish & soul food will be served. Info: 821-4675. Don't miss!

Artstar at Secession Gallery: evening with performance artist David E Johnston. Work fuses song with monologue, performance & celebrity. Personal stories & sharp commentary focusing on identity & politics, masculinity & celebrity filtered thru a queer point of view, illuminating the queer male experience. 9:30 pm tonight & 4/19 & 26 at Cafe Du Nord, 2170 Market St, SF. Info: 641-4967.

APR 13 / T U E

Deep Trance Journeys for Women: Tonight's class is a very empowering, guided shape-shifting "Eagle Journey" meditation for healing dysfunctional family & codependent relationships. 7-9 pm, $15-25 SL fee. Beginners welcome! Near Rockridge BART. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by coverman Jim Rueth. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.

"Expand Your Creativity with Hynosis," a presentation by Van Ault at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

"What's Left? Progressive Politics in SF," political scientist Richard DeLeon discusses his new book tracing the history of progressive politics in SF from 1975-1991, *Left Coast City*. 7:30-9:30 pm, $5-10 SL donation. New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Part of Greentalks, ongoing discussion series produced by SF Greens. Info: 255-2940.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets at 7:30 pm tonight & 4/20 for food, drink & conversation at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.

At Modern Times Bookstore: *Breakthrough*, the political journal of Prairie Fire Organizing Committee, celebrates its special issue on lesbian & gay male politics, with readings by contributors Jewelle Gomez, Marlon Riggs, Suzanne Pharr, Tede Matthews & Crystos. Short poetry presentation, followed by refreshments. Come celebrate this publication, and the upcoming March on Washington. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

"A Fairy's Tale," NY actor/playwright David Drake ("The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me") performs a new work-in-progress at Josie's Cabaret. "A Fairy's Tale" follows a dozen or so characters as they search for queer identity & meaning, from rural Virginia to NYC's Upper West Side. 8 pm, $10 tonight & 4/27. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

The Detour 13th Anniversary Party with dj Sam Labelle, comic Mark Davis, go-go boys plus super sensation Carpenteria!

Tale Spinners Theater presents "Real Voices" monologues and scenes, works in progress from the Oral History Playwrights Project. All new material! Tonight & 4/27 at 8:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia nr 21st, SF. Info/res: 641-0235. $6.

Sandra Wieder and band at Above Paradise (Paradise Lounge), 11th & Folsom Sts, SF. Three sets, starting at 9 pm. Info/res: 759-5945.

Rock with *Blue Star* and *Sister Moses* at The Blue Lamp, 561 Geary St, SF. 10 pm.

APR 14 / W E D

HIV Wellness Program spons by AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Sara Sunstein speaks on "Feeling & Healing: Body Awareness As Self-Care," at Marin General Hospital. For time & other info call Amira 457-1129.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets tonight & 4/28 at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 6:30 pm.

Women's Erotica Reading at the Tea Spot Cafe with Blake C Aarens, Janice Heiss & Trish Thomas. Open mike at 6:30 pm, readings begin at 7:30. Dinner & open mike sign-up available at 6. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

Stop AIDS Project group meeting for gay & bisexual men age 50 and over. Informal, one-time-only gathering where men can talk openly about the AIDS epidemic and what we can do about it. 7 pm. For info/location call 621-7177.

The Art of Being Seen: Wkshop with Riccardo Morrison, dancer, healer, poet, storyteller & performance artist. Spons by Immune Power Foundation. Wshop uses a synthesis of Hakomi body-centered psychotherapy, shamanism, movement & storytelling. 7-10 pm, $20. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. Info: David Vachon (510) 841-4739.

At Modern Times Bookstore: David Walls discusses his new book, *The Activist's Almanac: The Concerned Citizen's Guide to the Leading Advocacy Organizations in America*, which profiles 105 leading national groups in the environmental, peace & human rights movements. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Lesbian Uprising! Book Group reads & discusses *The Issue is Power: Essays on Women, Jews, Violence & Resistance* by Melanie Kaye/Kantrowitz. For details call 664-3240.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Eric Bogosian discusses his new book, *Notes from the Underground*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9.

"Songs of the Sephardim: Canticas Sephardis," music ranging from Near Eastern-tinged dances to Mediterranean lullabies, performed by Judy Frankel. She gives an enlightening, entertaining look at the ancient roots of today's Hispanic music revival. Tonight & 4/21 & 28 at 8:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Tix $6. Info/res: 641-0235.

Lavender Lounge Special: "Suburban Housewife," —nat'l TV personality Fred Willard (Fernwood Tonight, Access America) co-hosts Lavender Lounge, overseeing the weenie roast & welcoming musical guests *Acid Housewife* for a special "suburban nightmare" episode. 9 pm on cable channel 51, SF.

At Faster Pussycat Club: "2 Year $2 Party" with guest DJs Nikki Rivera & Stephanie Phillips, plus dykebilly band *The Bucktooth Varmints*. Doors open at 9 pm at 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

APR 15 / T H U

Compost Trainer Class: Today's the deadline to register for this class which will teach you all about composting, and how to teach others about it too! Spons by SF League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG). Call 285-7585 for more information.

Self-Healing Wkshop at SFJCC with Meir Schneider, PhD. Dr Schneider, of Self-Healing Research Foundation, shows participants various techniques for reducing pain, increasing circulation & gaining greater mobility. 2-3:30 pm, free. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Effective Lobbying Wkshop spons by Project Inform. Wkshop features Donne Brownsey, chief legislative aide to David Roberti, President Pro Tem, Calif State Senate and other guests. Topics include: Ten steps for effective lobbying, how to lobby at local, state & federal levels, how to deal with sympathetic & unsympathetic politicians, how to develop a lobby packet. 3-5 pm, free. Project Inform Conference Room, 1965 Market St at Duboce, Ste 220, SF. Info: 558-8669.

Muni Community Meetings: See 4/12 listing.

Concert with *Patchwork* (James Lee Harris, Jr and Miss Lily Gobeil) at Mama's Royal Cafe, Miller Ave, Mill Valley. 7-9 pm. Info: 388-4539.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Flirting & Teasing. Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Author Steve Erickson discusses his new book *Arc d'X*, a provocative novel yolking the author's grim vision of America to the exalted vision of Thomas Jefferson. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Langridge Dance Co presents "Road 27" the premiere of two new works, one by New Yorker Kevin Wynn, the other by San Franciscan Ruth Langridge; along with Bill Evans' "Tin Tal," produced by the company last year. 8 pm, tonight thru 4/17 at Theater Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $14.50 gen'l, $12.50 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 621-7797.

Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9.

Truth or Dare literary series at The LAB continues with LA-based writer Leslie Dick reading from her second novel, *Kicking*, a book about memory, dependency & misrecognition; and poet/essayist/cultural activist Essex Hemphill reading from his insightful, highly charged writings about Black gay life in America. 8 pm, $6. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 346-4063.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Pam Pierce, author of *Golden Gate Gardening: The Complete Guide to Year-Round Food Gardening in the SF Bay Area & Coastal California*, presents a slide show/talk about spring planting, preparing your winter garden & recipes for edible weeds. Bring questions about your garden! 8 pm, $3-10, proceeds benefit Women's Voices, OWT's cultural events series. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Film Night at 1800 Square Feet: See *Strike*, Sergei Eisenstein's 1924 b&w masterpiece about a factory workers' strike in Tsarist Russia circa 1912; plus *Man With A Movie Camera*, Mikhail Kaufman's 1928 film about Soviet life which showcased a dazzling montage of technical possibilities for the motion picture camera. First movie screens at 8 pm, the second at 9:30 pm. 719 Clementina St, SF. Info/res: 255-8510.

APR 16 / F R I

Sober & Free: AA/Al-Anon Conference spons by the gay & lesbian members of AA meets today thru 4/18 at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. For more information call 965-1420.

LSD: 50 Years & Beyond: Conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of Albert Hoffman's discovery of LSD-25. Various events held in Santa Cruz today and in SF on 4/17 examine the political and social significance and the current & future state of psychedelic use. Speakers include Robert Anton Wilson, Paul Krassner, Stephen Gaskin, Timothy Leary, Oscar Janiger, Lester Grinspoon, Donny Dryer & Richard Yensen, Willis Harman, Ralph Abraham, John Robbins, Laura Huxley, Claudio Naranjo, Matthew Brenner, Bruce Eisner and Rick Doblin, among many others. For full schedule, tix & other info call 552-7487.

BACW Sonoma TGIF: Join Bay Area Career Women for a relaxing end of the week get together at Hotel La Rose. 6-8:30 pm. $3. Info: (707) 874-1621.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay 7 & 9 pm. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

"You're Afraid of GIRLS?!", a night of scary women showing off films, videos & performance about outrageous female violence at ATA (Artists' Television Access). Show includes Liz Canning's *Handmirror/Brush Set Included*, Sarah Jacobson's *I Was A Teenage Serial Killer*, Lise Swenson's *Media Darlings*, Julie Muellen's *What's Your Name in Real Life?*, Jennifer Gentile's *Corn Smut*, and Theory Girls' *If You Were Like A Heroine in a Country Western Song*. Diverse collection of immediate, personal perspectives on the relationship between sexuality, power & violence, offering a provocative context for the recent swarm of relatively flat media images featuring weapon-wielding premenstrual babes. A night of deeply satisfying tales being told—tales that girls and girlfriends can get off on. 7:30-9:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 824-3890.

At A Different Light Bookstore: An evening of radical poetry reading with Trebor, Sparrow 13, Laughing Wand and Merle Toper. 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Soma Quartet presents "The Visionary Horace Silver," a program paying tribute to one of the great masters of modern music. *Soma* blends jzz improv, classical chamber music and international rhythms to create a unique contemporary style. 8 pm, $8 gen'l, $3 stdnts & srs. Community Music Center, 544 Capp St, SF. Info: 647-6015.

Dodie Bellamy reads "Dear David" a selection from her epistolary novel, *The Letters of Mina Harker*, with accompanying images by Lutz Bacher from her series, "The Playboys". 8 pm. The letters trace a woman's romantic involvement with three very different men, as well as her affair with a culture that threatens simultaneously to destroy and invigorate her. New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging," at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9.

"Among My Wigs," night of wild one-man comedy with gay comic Mark Davis and his stable of edgy & hilarious characters, including dish queen Mavis Davis, Mark's mother from Minnesota, Dr Vishnu Tao, author of the bestselling book, *So You Chose HIV*, Catherine Denouement, a sexual parasite who bears an uncanny resemblance to France's favorite film star, and others. 10 pm, $10. Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Star Bar Cabaret at Lily's Cocktail Lounge: Monthly extravaganza of beauty, glamour & horror showcases continuous wild, madcap & surprising entertainment including the talents of Talmage, Las Cosas, Connie Champagne, Jade, Kenny Wonder, Star Bar Siren Babette White, and Madeline, among others. 9 pm, $5. Don't miss!

Spring Break Dance Wkend with the Jaegermeister Boys at Ziggurat in Guerneville. 9 pm, $3. Info: (707) 869-1400.

(L-r) Helen Walsh and Aaron Silver in "Cinderella...The Real True Story." OnStage has info. Photo by Janet Zagoria

APR 17 / S A T

Tomales Pt/Pt Reyes Nat'l Seashore Hike with SF Hiking Club: Moderately strenuous, 9.5 miles, 1100-ft elevation gain. Spectacular coastal views, wildflower displays, possible viewing of free-roaming tule elk herd. Hike is primarily an exposed ridge. Lunch break at or near Tomales Bluff, depending on the weather. Driving distance 100 miles roundtrip. Cost per car $13 (includes bridge toll), to be shared among passengers. Bring water, lunch & sunscreen, dress in layers. Rain cancels. To carpool: meet 9:30 am under the big Safeway sign, Market & Dolores, SF. Info: 285-3760, eves.

Intergenerational Housing Wkshop (for midlife & older) spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) and Innovative Housing. 10 am-noon, 1853 Market St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 346-0267.

"S (Lesbian Installation Projects) welcomes you to work on a community-based installation together with other lesbian artists. Both professionals & novices with commitment are welcome. All media considered. Today's workshop is at Laney College in Oakl. Plenty of parking available. Pre-reg required, call Pamela for details: (510) 222-4552.

Meditation in Motion Wkshop: Exploration of the use of movement as a path to Awakening. Includes yogi, aiki movements for harmony with Universal force and self-observation, a powerful Fourth Way meditation. Spons by Tayu Center, a Fourth Way Spiritual School. 10 am-4 pm, $50 requested donation. Info/res: (707) 829-9579.

Rare Bamboo Sale/Auction: Spons by the American Bamboo Society. Sale & auction of rare and exotic bamboo, plus demo of bamboo bonsai techniques. Sale noon-3 pm, demo 12:30-1:30 pm, rare plant auction begins at 1:30 pm. SF County Fair Bldg, Strybing Arboretum, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, SF. Spons by the Northern Calif Chapter of the American Bamboo Society.

Catheters & Sounds Class with Jim Bruce. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Catheters are flexible tubes, sounds are solid metal rods. In addition to their medical purposes, these implements can be used to create many enticing sensations in s/m scenes. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3 pm in a private SF space. $15. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome! Info: 550-7776.

Caring for HIV Naturally: A Forum on Nutrition & HIV, spons by the Alternative Treatments Committee of SF ACT UP. Program: Dr Joan Priestley, physician/researcher, the creator of a comprehensive holistic approach to the management of HIV/AIDS, called the 5-Point Healing through Empowerment Program, discusses "Self-Empowerment, Nutrition & Survival." Dr Gladys Block, professor in the public health nutrition program at UC Berkeley, discusses "Anti-Oxidants, Cancers & AIDS". Kelly Parent & Pam Yeung, registered dieticians at Davies Medical Center, discuss "Special Features of the Nutrition/Metabolism Clinic." 1 pm in the Gazebo Room, Davies Medical Center, Castro St & Dubooce, SF. Info: Michael 775-7760 or Casey 648-1357.

Meeting Men Party: Meet 40-50 other men interested in quality relationships, in a nurturing environment. Use guided exercises to get beneath the surface, build rapport & make heart connections; discover the path of gay intimacy. 7-11 pm. For info/res: 239-7839. Space limited, refreshments served, no smoking, no alcohol.

Marin BACW Video Potluck: Join Bay Area Career Women and watch *Wait Until Dark*. Bring a dish to share. $2. Info/res: Sharon 453-9317. 7 pm.

Benefit Recital with Countertenor Brian Asawa, who recently starred as Oberon in SF Opera & Houston Grand Opera's joint production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Proceeds benefit the AIDS Prevention Program of Operation Concern. Piano accompaniment by SF Opera master coach Bryndon Hassman. 7:30 pm, $50 suggested donation. Seating limited, please call OC in adv for tix: 626-7000. Program consists of Handel opera arias, Schuber lieder & Purcell Elizabethan songs. Metropolitan Community Church of SF (MCC-SF), 150 Eureka St nr 18th, SF.

Ad Madness at ATA Gallery: See Joel Katz' *The Corporation with a Movie Camera*, David Shulman's *Conterfeit Coverage*, Pager Tiger's *Ads, Ads, Ads!*, and Kathleen Tyner's hands-on demo of her new media-literacy laserdisc. Special champagne opening at 7:30 pm, screenings at 8:30. $5. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

BACW Swing Dance for Women: Join Mid-Peninsula Bay Area Career Women for a night of dance to swing & big band tunes from the 1940s. $12. Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 1455 Madison, Redwood City. Info/tix: 495-5393.

Poetry in the Blink of an Eye: Deaf Poetry/Deaf Cultural—see 4/10.

At Sisterspirit Women's Bookstore/Coffeehouse: "All Out Comedy," a night of laughs with hilarious queer comics Karen Ripley, Scott Capurro, Marilyn Pittman & Tom Ammiano. Doors open at 8 pm, laughs start at 8:30. $9-12 donation at door. 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 293-9372.

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At Mama Bears: Night of the blues with Alberta Jackson & Charlesetta Turner! 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

Teresa Trull Concert at IMA Cultural Center, with special guest Nina Gerber! 8 pm, $12. Bodega Bay. Call (707) 876-3004 for info/res.

Gay Comedy Night with comics Danny Williams, Sabrina Matthews & Mark Davis. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

APR 18 / S U N

BACW Sonoma Deluxe Dine Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for brunch at the elegant Sonoma Mission Inn. Limited seating, call early. 11 am. Info: Christine (707) 996-1550.

"From Understanding Reality to Changing Society," final class in the Logic of Marxism class, taught by feminist writer/theoretician Nellie Wong. Exploration of the analytical method of Marxism as common sense thinking for the 21st century. 11 am-1 pm, $4 gen'l, $2 low income. Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART). Spons by Freedom Socialist Party. Info: 864-1278.

Scrotal Inflation & Other Genital Modifications: Class with Jim Bruce. Part of QSM's ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. In a scrotal inflation saline solution is inserted into the ball sac, producing a unique sight and feeling. Jim also discusses/shows such modifications as suturing, foreskin stretching & using a vacuum pump. Doors open at 12:30 pm, class 1-3:30 pm in a private SF space. Both men & women are welcome! $15. Info: 550-7776.

Healing Alternatives Foundation Volunteer Orientation: 1-4 pm. HA was

formed as a grassroots "Buyers' Club" & resource library in response to community need for access to treatment info & products for HIV disease. Get details on how you can help at today's meeting. Volunteers are given discounts on HAF products and may choose the days & hours that they work. Info: 626-4053. 1748 Market St at Valencia, Ste 204, SF.

Ins & Outs of a career in music: A workshop with Teresa Trull, veteran performer/producer. Topics include stage presence, performance style, songwriting & all aspects of album/demo production. 1-4 pm, $35. IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, Bodega Bay. Info/res: (707) 876-3004.

BACW Marin Country Western Tea Dance: Join Bay Area Career Women for an afternoon of fun at Almonte Club House in Mill Valley. 2-6 pm, $8. From the north or south, take hwy 101 to Stinson Beach exit. At the Junction, veer right (Arco Gas Station is on left). Approx 1/2 mile down you'll see an Almonte Blvd Left Lane sign—turn left. Drive 1/8 mile, follow the parking signs. Info: Sharon 453-9317.

Sisters in Crime 1st Annual Spring Soiree: Reading of new mystery fiction writing by Northern Calif chapter members. Readers include: Janet Dawson, Jaki Girdner, Elizabeth Pincus, Shelley Singer, Gloria White, Susan Dunlap, Janet LaPierre, Gillian Roberts, Marilyn Wallace & Mary Wings. 4 pm at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books, Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: (510) 538-6454.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Editors Dena Taylor & Amber Cloverdale Sumrall read from their latest book, *The Time of Our Lives: Women Write on Sex After 40*. 5 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

"Lesbian Erotica," script by Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective: Mothertongue moans, groans & foams over dyke desire at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Tonight only—don't miss! 5 pm, $6-10 SL fee. Info/res: 861-7933.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Special reading/performance with poet/actor/choreographer Djola Bernard Branner of Pomo Afro Homos and performance poet/playwright Wayne Corbitt. 7 pm, $3-5 SL donation. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Krishnamurti Dialogue—see 4/11.

Justin Chin's "Somewhere Fudging" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/9.

APR 19 / MON

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders). 6-9 pm. Group for women over 50 years old, led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Info: 626-7000. 1853 Market St, SF.

Committee to Save KPFA: KPFA listeners group, a group of people unhappy with KPFA's political shift to the center & decrease in multicultural outreach, gathers monthly to discuss this situation with staff and strategize how to change it. 7 pm at Ashkenaz Cafe, 1317 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 891-9958.

Bi-Friendly SF meets tonight for food, drink & conversation, see 4/12.

Susie Bright Porn Preview: Bright returns to the Roxie Theater tonight & tmw, for an all-new eve of commentary & clips from new & classic adult videos that she considers well worth seeing. Susie shows clips from the "spring line" of videos she has chosen for Good Vibrations store, highlighting "new feminist erotica, yuppie smut, the latest in computer-enhanced porn & rediscovered classics from the golden age of adult videos." She also discusses recent trends in adult video brought on by the booming couples' market & the attempts of the Dept of Justice to close down the industry. Showtimes at 7 & 9:15 pm tonight & tmw, tix $10. Questions will be taken from audience members. Info: 974-8980.

SFJCC Health Lecture: Journalist David Sheff talks on "How Ninetendo Zapped an Industry & Enslaved Our Children," giving the inside story of the company that sank the American videogame industry, put Super Mario into a third of our homes and made billions of dollars. 7:30 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Theatre Critics Awards Gala: 1992's outstanding Bay Area actors, directors & designers are honored tonight at the 16th annual awards gala of the Critics Circle at 8 pm, at the GiftCenter Pavilion. Presentation includes numbers from six nominated musicals. Tix $20. Info/res: 664-5423.

Krishnamurti Video & Dialogue, see 4/12.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Silverman. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market. Info/res: 861-7933.

Artstar with David E Johnston at Secession Gallery, see 4/12.

APR 20 / TUE

Sexual Assault: Can Rapists Be Cured? Video showing and discussion, spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. See a controversial documentary filmed at a maximum security prison, exploring thru interviews with prison personnel, psychiatrists, rape crisis counselors and the rapists themselves, the rarely-addressed question of whether rapists can be cured while in prison. Noon-1 pm, free. Public welcome. UCSF Toland Hall, 533 Parnassus Ave, SF. Info: 476-5222.

Deep Trance Journeys for Women: Tonight's class is a guided "Cobra Healing" meditation for transformation of habits & illness. Powerful meditation balances & opens the flows of energy. 7-9 pm, $15-25 SL fee. Beginners welcome! Near Rockridge BART. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.

"The Submissive Sadist," with Raelyn Gallina; "Dirty Talk," with Carol Queen. Raelyn discusses how she creates pain any way the masochist tells her to. Carol discusses finding the "dirty words" that press people's buttons, and playing with them in an s/m scene. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $10. Info: 550-7776.

SFJCC Career Forum: "Shape Up Your Job Search," program offers counselors from Jewish Vocational Services to share valuable information about job search strategies, interviewing, resumes & cover letters. Individual questions answered. 7-9 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by performer Andy Tabbat. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Call 621-6294 to reserve.

"Estate Planning for Maximum Wealth Retention," presentation by Barbara Tetzlaff at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775-0227.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation, see 4/13.

APR 21 / WED

Men's Discovery Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today. Topic: Sex Ads—Pro & Con. Led by George Birimisa. For time & other info call 626-7000. Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Keith Terry performs with his new quintet, *Crossfire*, at UCSF's Cole Hall Auditorium, 513 Parnassus Ave, SF. 6 pm. Tix $10 gen'l, $5 stdnts & srs. Night of body music, jazz, Afro-Cuban drumming, Balinese gamelan, vocalization, Sengalese drumming and music from the Middle East, Japan and the Caribbean. Fun for everyone! Free popcorn served. Info/res: 476-2542.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. 7 pm, free. SF. Call 648-7592 for info/location.

Death Penalty Focus of Calif and other Bay Area death penalty abolition groups mark the one-year anniversary of the Robert Harris execution with a mass signing of the "Declaration of Life" document which asks if the signatory dies as a result of a violent crime, the death penalty should not be sought for those found guilty. Preceding the mass signing will be speakers from victims' family members & Bay Area religious leaders. 7:30 pm at Trinity Church, Bush & Gough, SF. Other sponsors include Bay Area Pax Christi, Amnesty International, American Friends Service Committee, Trinity Episcopal Church and the Northern Calif Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. Info: Claudia King (510) 452-9505.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Jacking In/Cyberspace Literary Series presents "Writing Down the Nets: Creative Lit in Cyberspace," a discussion on how computer networks, conferencing systems & bulletin boards are redefining creative writing. Speakers include Will Kreth of *Wired* magazine; Tom Maddox, author of *Halo*; Patrizia Dilucchio, *Whole Earth Review* contributor; Bill Knutson, novelist and *Mondo 2000* contributor and Jared Pore, zone publisher and host of the WELL's Fact Sheet Five conference. 7:30 pm, $3-5 SL fee. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Michael Kearns, LA-based, openly gay actor, performs the role of Christopher, a gay phone sex operator, in James Carroll Pickett's gay classic "Dream Man," a monologue which captures a night in the life of a phone sex hustler, interspersing his private pain & public persona. Play "captures the bitchy humor, self-doubts, sexual hysteria & old-fashioned romance at odds in many a gay man's psyche without apology." 8 pm. $12 Fri & Sat, $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 5/2. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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Marin Lesbian & Gay Parents Group Easter Party: 4/10, 3-5 pm. Children of all ages are welcome! Info/location: 457-1115.

Transition to Parenthood groups for lesbian couples (inseminating, pregnant or parenting). Info: Institute for the Psychology of Women (510) 849-3256.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program sponsors several upcoming events: **Artificial Insemination Wkshop** 4/27, 7-9 pm, $25 per person. For lesbians interested in the how-tos of insemination/self-exams using a speculum. Facilitated by Barbara Raboy of the Sperm Bank of Calif. Speculums provided. Bring a flashlight, pillow, hand-held mirror & two towels. Group limited to 15 women. **Lesbians Considering Parenthood** Support Group: Thurs 4/22-6/17, 7-9:30 pm, $90 per person. Discuss issues, concerns & experiences around creating alternative families. One meeting is reserved for meeting gay/lesbian/bisexual parents & their kids. Group limited to 10 women. Call during summer for Fall '93 support group dates. **Adoption Lesbian/Gay/Bi Families**: 5/11, 7-9 pm, $10 per person. Diverse panel composed of gay adoptive parents, DDS rep & private adoption agency rep address adoption issues & experiences for alternative families. Learn more about the public & private adoption process. **Choosing Children Seminar:** 6/15—7/27, 7-9 pm, $10 per evening. Series of panel discussions on specific issues related to becoming a parent and the variety of choice possible in creating alternative families. Topics include considering parenthood, legal issues, getting pregnant, lesbians & gay men parenting together, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth, etc. All events (except for the Lesbians Considering Parenthood Support Group) are held at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. For pre-reg or more info call 565-7674.

Lesbian Family Day at Slide Ranch, a nonprofit education center located on a small farm in Marin. Lesbians with or without children are welcome to spend a day of discovery on the farm—hike along ocean trails, make bread & cheese, enjoy the excitement of being alive outdoors. 5/29, 10 am-3 pm, $12 per person. For info/reg call 381-6155.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 4/17: Plum City Players present their season finale with the Chabot School Primary Chorus. 4/24: Stories, games & songs with Mickey Make Believe (aka Robert Rovin); music in Spanish & English with Alisa Peres. 5/1: Latin American music with Jackeline Rago and Erika Luckett. 5/15: The Boogie Down Jugglers prsent fast-paced, fun & funny "environmental edu-tainment"—unicycling, juggling, magic & more. 5/29: Songs & stories from around the world with Nancy Raven. 6/5: Stories & songs for the young at heart with storyteller/African thumb piano player Diane Ferlatte. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Cody's for Kids: 4/10 at 3 pm: Walter the Giant Storyteller returns with stories to share for Easter & Passover. Cody's Bookstore, 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7852.

Storytime at Cody's: Held every Sat afternoon at Cody's Bookstore at 3 pm, unless another children's event is scheduled for that day. For info/schedule call (510) 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Children's Storytime at A New Leaf Recovery Bookstore: 4/17, 1 pm. Diana de Regnier uses stories, songs & surprises to invite children to indulge in the special joy, wisdom & creativity of childhood. For kids ages 4 & older. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Info: 924-8970.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. ***Sat Workshop Schedule***—4/10: **Paper Collage Easter Eggs** with Mia Kodani. Use pretty Japanese papers to decorate eggs for Easter. $4/person. 4/17: **Stories & Wildflowers** with Margaret Goodale. Play games & enjoy stories about Spring. $1/person. 4/24: **Animal Pop-Ups** with Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. Learn to make fun & fanciful animal pop-up cards & books! $3/person. ***Family Classes Schedule:*** Adults who attend class with their kids must pay the class fee. **Clay Magic:** 4/20-5/25, 9:30-11 am; ages 3 & up with an adult, $15 per person. Explore hand-built clay forms & animal figures, do raku kiln firing & potters wheel project. Taught by Marguerite Weil. **Family Ceramics:** 4/20-5/25, Tues 3:30-5 pm; 4/24-5/29, Sat 9:30-11 am. Ages 3 & up with adult, $8 per person. Intro to clay work for parent & child, taught by Dennis Treanor. **Family Art Trek:** 4/21-5/26, 11 am-noon, ages 3-5 with adult, $8 per person. Boldly create what no family has created before! Taught by Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. **Drop-in Easter Baskets:** 4/10, 10 am-noon, all ages (under 7 with adult); $2 per person. Weave ribbons, pipe cleaners and other trim into a delightful easter basket; taught by Jania Southworth. **Tidepool Field Trip:** 4/10, 7:30 am-noon, ages 6 and up (under 10 with an adult). Spend a morning with sea stars, crabs, limpets & other fascinating creatures. Start at Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, end up on the coastal bluffs. Meet 7:30 am in front of the ranger station. **Cross-Cultural Traditions Schedule:** Saturdays 10 am-12:30 pm, ages 5 & up, under 10 with an adult. Explore Native American & Shamanic traditions. Classes are experiential & include artwork, singing, crafts & learning from nature & ceremony. 4/24: Treasure Pouches, $12 per person. 5/1: May Day Celebration, $10 per person, 5/15: Medicine Shields, $13 per person. 6/5: Animal Helpers, $13 per person. **Family Gardening Class:** 10:30 am-noon, 4/24-29, all ages; 7 & under with adult; $8 per person. Enjoy the museum's vegetable garden. Learn to prepare soil, plant seeds & pamper seedlings; plus garden games, crafts, songs & harvests; taught by Denise Clair Angel of SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners). **Parent & Child Woodwork Class:** 4/24-5/29, Sat 10-11, ages 3-7 with an adult, $14 per person. Build toys, sculpture and other creative projects with your youngster, learn about woodworking with hand tools; taught by Bill Bocheff. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

SF Public Library Eureka Valley Branch Children's Programs: Art exhibit—come see the Crowns made by 3rd grade students at Sanchez Elementary School, on exhibit thru 4/15. 3555 16th St, btwn Noe & Sanchez, SF. Info: 554-9445.

Gay & Lesbian Parents of independent school students are welcome to meet with gay & lesbian independent school teachers on 4/21 at 7:30 pm at Drew High School to discuss issues of mutual concern. Spons by the Bay Area Independent School Gay & Lesbian Caucus, a group of teachers working to promote awareness of issues facing gays, lesbians & bisexuals in Bay Area independent schools. Info: Blake 864-0727.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Parenting in the '90s Series at SFJCC: "Birth Order & Gender," Debbie Freed, MS, discusses the ways in which birth order and gender affect individual lives, relationships, family dynamics & friendships. 4/29, 6:30-8:00 pm, $7. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Breaking the Silence: Speak Out Against Child Sexual Abuse! Free community event spons by Parental Stress Service Inc. Find out more about this issue & what you can do to prevent it. Panels, live entertainment, refreshments. 4/18, 1-5 pm at Hayward Adult School, 22100 Princeton St, Hayward. For more info or to reserve childcare call 1-800-829-3777.

Self-Defense Class for Children & Adolescents: Two Saturdays, 4/17 & 24, $35. 10 am-noon for ages 7-10, 1:30-3:30 pm for ages 11-14. At UCSF Marilyn Reed Lucia Child Care Study Center, 610 Parnassus Ave, SF. Taught by certified self-defense instructor Kate Hobbs, spons by UCSF Rape Prevention Education Program. Info: 476-5222.

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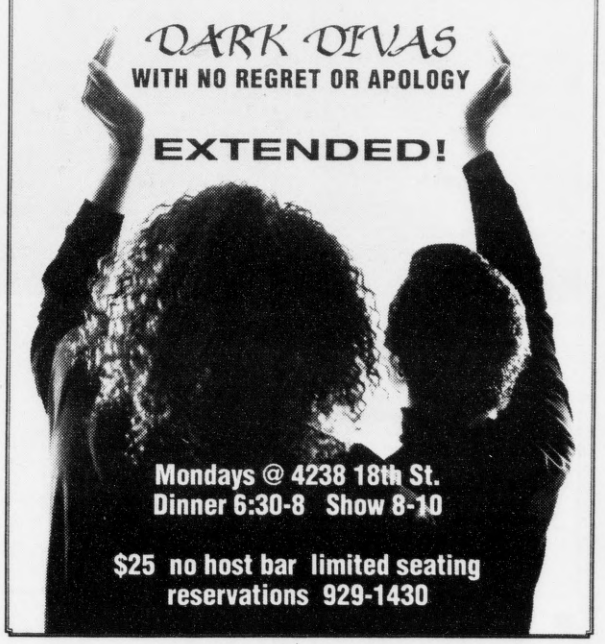

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APR 22 / THU

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: *Earth House* author Jeanne Duprau reads from her wonderful book about Zen, life, death, loss & moving on. She also shows video about building a rammed earth house in the Sierra Nevada foothills. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Lesbians Considering Parenthood Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' Parenting Program. 7-9:30 pm thru 6/17, in SF. $90 per person. Discuss issues, concerns & experiences around creating alternative families. One meeting will be reserved to meet gay/lesbian/bisexual parents and their kids. Group limited to 10 women. Call during summer for Fall '93 support group dates. Info: Cynthia Chan 565-7674.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Defining Your Relationships. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: SF author Herbert Gold reads from his new book, *Bohemia: Where Art, Angst, Love & Strong Coffee Meet*, a look at Bohemian meccas all over the globe, past & present, celebrated & little known. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Michael Snedeker reads from his new novel, *Down in the Valley*, a novelized look at the Prisoners Union movement of the mid-70s. He is joined by two poets, Luis Talamantez, formerly of the San Quentin 6 and John Ross, muckracking journalist. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Michael Kearns in "Dream Man," at Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for info/res.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Musical delights with *Dep Five*, Lisa Paltey and *The Irrationals*. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. $2-5 SL fee. Info: (510) 848-7376.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850-1903); thru 5/2. "Symphonies on Stone: Lithographs by James McNeill Whistler," thru 5/9. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, thru 6/6. "Clifford Still: The buffalo & SF Collections," touring exhibit, thru 6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, 4/29-7/25. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Willliam Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit thru 5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, on exhibit thru 5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Mexican Museum: "Burning Dreams: Selected Works by Carlos Almaraz," an LA-based Chicano painter who died of AIDS in 1989. Thru 5/9. Space will be provided in the gallery for visitors to share the names of other artists who have died of AIDS. For other programs related to this exhibit call 441-0445. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Body Doubles," photography representing the human body as a site of desire. Work by Hans Bellmer, David Levinthal, Cindy Sherman, David Pace & Victor Bellomo; thru 4/25. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

SF Camerawork: Kim Abeles, "Presidential Commemorative Smog Plates," Hans Staartjes, "Televisionary Manifesto," Kelly Wood, "Lurch," on exhibit thru 4/10. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.

Cartoon Art Museum: "Invisible Lives: The City of Will Eisner," 72 original drawings on exhibit thru 4/18. 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.

Clay Studio: "On Bended Knee," recent sculpture by Leigh Barbier, 4/24-5/30. Reception 4/24, 6-8 pm. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Wed, Fri & Sat & by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.

Edith Caldwell Gallery: Works on paper by Patty Look Lewis, on exhibit thru 5/1. 251 Post St, SF, 2nd floor. Hrs: Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Info: 989-5414.

John Pence Gallery: Exhibit of recent pastel paintings by Clark Mitchell, thru 4/10. "South Dakota Landscapes," recent oil paintings by Dorothy Morgan; 4/16-5/15, reception 4/16, 5:30-8 pm. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "100 Reasons," a consensual installation by Sheree Rose, based on a text by Mike Kelley. Thru 5/1. Rose has graphically explored the world of body modification and the s/m subculture both as a participant and as an artist chronicler. Her work presents the s/m community from an insider's point of view. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

Robert Dana Gallery: Recent works by landscape artist Giovanni Mancini and figurative artist Sarena Rosenfeld. 4/14-5/3. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Jazz," photos by William Claxton of the 1950s & 1960s jazz scene. Exhibit runs 4/15-5/22. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," on exhibit thru 4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, thru 4/25. "Art Deco in SF," exhibit features elegant, well designed utilitarian objects, both one-of-a-kind and machine made, from SF's art deco period; on exhibit 5/1-6/27, reception 5/4, 5-7 pm. "Face to Face: Clayton Bailey & Traditional Southern Face Vessels," on exhibit 5/1-6/27, opening reception 5/4, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Diego Rivera Gallery: At Walter/McBean Gallery: "Nobody's Pet Indian," exhibit of photo & photocollage work by Native American artist Hulleah J Tsinhnahjinnie, exploring issues of Native American experience & identity; thru 5/1. SFAI, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

University Art Museum: "Gentle-Man Friends," an exhibit of bookbinding work by Jonathan Hammer, thru 4/18. "Jim & Sylvia," an installation by Lutz Bacher, on exhibit thru 4/18. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: "Ciao Antonioni: The Complete Works of Michelangelo Antonioni," 15 programs screened thru 4/18, a complete retrospective of the work of one of international cinema's most important directors. 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Vision Gallery: "Digitally Altered Photographs," by Graham Nash, on exhibit 4/1-5/15. Reception 4/1, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: Sculpture by Thai Bui, Gregory Solomon Falk, Ken Kalman & Ken Matsumoto on exhibit thru 5/22. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: "Destiny's Feast," powerful mixed media installation by Stephanie Wilger, dealing with issues of fecundity, sexuality, spirituality, gender & duality; on exhibit thru 4/10. New works by Travis Somerville, on exhibit 4/13-5/15, 6-9 pm. Artist's reception 4/16, 6-9 pm. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Morphos Gallery: Group show features photographic work by Katherine du Tiel, Michelle Handelman & Monte Cazazza, Elliott Linwood, Michael Lewis, Margo Weinstein, Scott Mutter, Charles Gatewood & Frank Garvey. On exhibit 4/16-5/20. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Lineage," paintings by Claude Clark, Sr and sculpture by Claude Clark, Jr. On exhibit thru 4/24. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

ARU Gallery: "In & Out," group show, painting & constructions by Jennifer Stady; prints, painting & sculpture by Kirk Stoller. On exhibit 4/9-5/8, installation dates 4/9-23; opening reception 4/9, 6-8:30 pm. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Installations by Nancy Munford, Gay Outlaw & Paul Ramirez-Jonas, on exhibit thru 5/15. 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Meridian Gallery: "Heroes," photography by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie, on exhibit thru 5/1. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.

Oakland Museum: "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit thru 5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

The Luggage Store Gallery: Recent paintings by Jack Hirschman & Josee Andrei, on exhibit 4/15-5/15. Opening reception 5/16, 5-8 pm. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt.

"John LeFlore: Paintings & Drawings," on exhibit thru 4/15 at Bagdad Cafe, 2295 Market St, SF. Info: 621-4431.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts Gallery: Exhibit of artwork by Michael Provart runs thru 5/29. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: 7:30 am-5 pm Mon-Fri; noon-5 pm Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Instant Photos by Keith A Carollo, series of instant photographs taken over a two-month period; on exhibit at Footwork Gallery. Reception 4/10, 6-8 pm, 3221 22nd St, SF.

Paintings by Add Bonn, on exhibit at Crepe & Coffee, 2821 California St, SF. Thru 5/10.

"Landmarks," a solo exhibit of 25 artworks on paper by SF artist Robin Tichane. On exhibit 5/1-6/30 at the Commonwealth Club of California, 595 Market St at 2nd, SF. Artist's reception 5/13 at 4:45 pm, includes wine & cheese, plus "AIDS' Dark Terrain: Twelve Stations from a Yankee Pilgrim," a 30 min dual projection slide-talk on woodblock prints. 5:15 pm, ($9 admission). Info/res: 597-6705.

"Backyard Views," lithographic, intaglio & relief prints by Ethan Bryson on exhibit thru 4/17 at Goat Hill Pizza, 300 Connecticut at 18th, SF. Info: 641-1440.

"Adelie Landis: On Foot", Exhibit of work by Adelie Landis at Kennedy Art Center Gallery, Holy Names College, thru 5/16 (closed 4/7-11).

Paintings by Nelson, sculpture by Susanne Wibroe, on exhibit at E'Space Pierrot Gallery, thru 4/21. Info: 861-4657. 520 Hayes St, SF.

"Acceptable Distress," photography by Robert Cardellino, on exhibit thru 5/31 at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Reception 4/9, 7-9 pm. Info: 921-8383.

Paintings by David Abbott from the 1970s-1980s, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru April. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

Black & White photographs by Cole Wiley on exhibit at Cafe Francisco, 2161 Powell at Francisco, SF. On exhibit thru 5/15. Info: 397-2602.

Erotic Art by May Jeneieve on exhibit at Good Vibrations thru April & May. 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

"Primavera" works by 22 artists on exhibit at Spectrum Gallery exploring our relationship to nature. 4/14-5/30, opening reception 4/14, 5:30-7:30 pm. 511 Harrison St, SF. Info: 495-1111.

on stage

Livin' on Salvation Street by Terry Gardner. Comedy details one eventful week in the life of three generations of an all-female Kentucky family, circa 1958. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Show runs thru 5/1. Tix $11-17. For showtimes, res & other info call 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Black Teeth: An Obscene, Deliberately Repellent, Mean Piece of Work by Mel Clay. Play about a wine connoisseur, a big-game sport fisherman and a woman chained to the wall. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Play has an open-ended run, Fri-Sat at 9 pm. Tix $10. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

We Are Here... Dark Divas. Avant-garde dinner show featuring storytelling monologues, poetry & songs about "loving a man from his head to toes and all the paradise in between." The Dark Divas are Ross Hanna & Uthra (aka Lorenzo Buford). Every Monday, thru April at Muchachas Restaurant, 4238 18th St, SF. Tix $25 dinner & show, no-host bar. Seating limited. Info/res: 929-1430.

The Real Live Brady Bunch a staged reenactment of the '70s sitcom, by Faith & Jill Soloway. Part theater, part comedy night, and all party, the show's scripts are taken from the most memorable episodes of the popular TV series. Features heavy audience participation. Show runs along with **The Real Live Game Show**, created & hosted by Eric Waddell, who, in the guise of a game show host, invites the audience to compete for fabulous prizes. Show runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 7 & 9:30 pm, and midnight, thru April 24. Tix $18.50-$25.50, available at (510) 762-BASS. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF.

HMS Pinafore by Gilbert & Sullivan opens Lamplighters Music Theatre's 41st season. A family favorite at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic. Show runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 4/25. Tix $22. Info/res: 752-7755.

(L-r) Michael Kerrick and Joseph Shades in Charles Busch's "Psycho Beach Party." For info, see OnStage.

Photo by Michael Kerrick

Nighthawks by Evan Blake. Play based on Edward Hopper's oil painting, "Nighthawks," which depicts three patrons and a counterman in a diner late at night on a deserted city street. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm, thru 4/11. Tix $10. Info/res: 626-5455. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF.

Claustrophilia by Amy Freed. An unconventional romantic comedy about voluntary entombment. Play takes a satirical look at the brilliance of Edgar Allen Poe as it tells the final chapter of the marriage of Poe and his child-bride/cousin, Virginia "Sissy" Clemm; beguiling parable of sexual politics. Play runs with Freed's new work, **The Ghoul of Amherst**, a solo piece about the obsessive nature of Emily Dickinson. Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 4/21. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Psycho Beach Party by Charles Busch. Off-Broadway hit, this show is a funny, campy, kitschy comedy based on the Gidget movies of the 1960s. Play opens 4/9 at Artful Circle Theater, 47 Waller btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Tix $15. Info/res: 558-8172. $1 of each ticket goes to Stop AIDS Project.

Dolls by Phillip R Ford plays Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/17 at On Broadway Theater, 435 Broadway btwn Montgomery & Kearny, SF. Info/res: 776-8999.

Orestes by Euripedes. Thick Description production of classic play. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm thru 4/24. Tix $8-12 SL fee. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa, SF. Info/res: 621-7978.

Goose & Tom Tom by David Rabe. Comedy about two paranoid, small-time gangsters. Phoenix Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sun thru 4/25. Tix $14 Fri & Sat, $10 Sun. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Aspects of Love by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Musical tells the story of 5 people whose passionate & tangled relationships stretch over a 17-year period. Best of Broadway production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm thru 4/25. For tix & other info call 776-1999. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF.

i.e. Deutschland IV, solo performance by Karina Epperlein deals with contemporary German history from WWII to the present. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm thru 4/25. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600. Tix $10-12.

Why We Have a Body by Claire Chafee. Contemporary comedy, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships. Play follows Lili, a private investigator, who is having an affair with a married woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs 4/14-5/2, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Closing night performance 5/2 at 7:30 pm. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

Oklahoma Gothic an evening of gothic tales & country ballads written by Ronnie Dee Blair, Lee Brady, Michael Lynch & Clyde Pack. Show runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm thru 4/11. Cable Car Theatre, 430 Mason St, SF. Info/res: 989-9132.

Brave Smiles... Another Lesbian Tragedy: An erotic, neurotic, tongue-in-cheek send-up of lesbian stereotypes from classic films and plays, performed by New York's Five Lesbian Brothers. Show runs thru 4/11 in Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St, SF. Tix $10-12. Info/res: 861-5079.

Jesus Christ Superstar highly acclaimed rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Previews 4/27 at 8 pm & 4/28 at 2 pm, opens 4/27 and runs Tues-Sun thru 5/9 at the Orpheum Theatre, SF. Tix $55 orchestra/loge, $48 mezzanine, $32 balcony. Info/res: 776-1999.

The Big Funk by John Patrick Shamley. A provocative comedy that holds a funhouse mirror up to contemporary society. A Theatre Valentine production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/1, $9.95. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 267-7616.

Falsettos by William Finn & James Lapine. Award-winning musical, a funny & touching story of love, relationships and a different kind of family. Play runs at Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF, 4/27-5/23. Info/res: 776-1999.

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean by Ed Graczyk. The "Disciples of James Dean" of McCarthy, Texas hold their 20th anniversary reunion party. During the course of the evening, illusions & false fronts are slowly stripped away, revealing amusing, painful & shocking realities. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Previews 4/23-25 & 29, opens 4/30, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm thru 5/30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

Free Fall based on the plays of Dino Buzzati, created & directed by Veronique Guillaud. Play is "a metaphor for the ephemerality of life," a voyeuristic site-specific performance of words, sounds & images. Company Mundial Sisters/Veronique Guillaud production. Previews 4/22, runs every night, 4/23-5/1, at 8 pm. Aston Pickwick Hotel, 85 5th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 485-3812.

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill. Play explores the position of women in a changing society, taking a hard look at the struggle of women in a male-dominated world. Gem Art production. Previews 4/23 at 8 pm, runs 4/24-5/30, Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. The Phoemix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, Fri & Sun, $15 Sat. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Client by CD Arnold. The last play of the SF playwright, *The Client* is about the life-giving effects of a dying actor's struggle to create a final performance that will sum up his life and his work. Kaliyuga Arts production, in association with New Conservatory Theatre Center. Play previews 4/29, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 4/30-5/22 at New Conversatory

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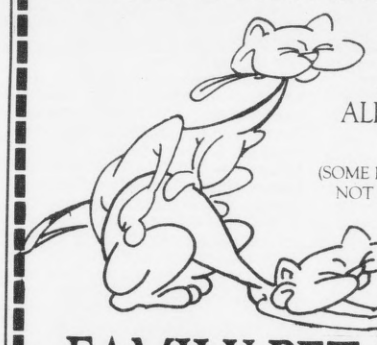

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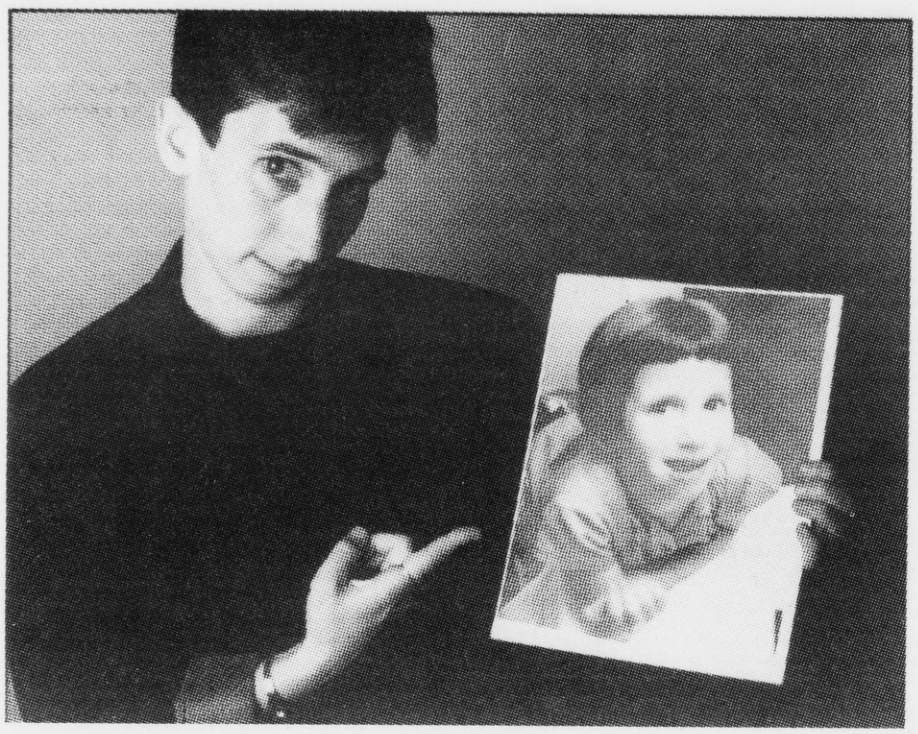

Lisa Geduldig in a night of gay and lesbian comedy at Teaspot Cafe on Apr. 17. Photo by Phyllis Christopher

Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, $14 Fri & Sat, preview tix $10. Info/res: 861-8972.

Breakfast in the Flesh District, Danielle Willis' one-woman show, a chronicle of the City's more provocative after-hour happenings, has an open-ended run, Fri-Sat at 10 pm; at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

After the Fall by Arthur Miller. Miller's powerful, autobiographical 1964 study of a man in midlife crisis. Actors Theatre production. Previews 4/12-15 at 8 pm; opens 4/16 at 8 pm; runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 5/22. Sun matinees 5/2, 9 & 16 at 2 pm. Tix $7 previews, $25 opening, $14 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $16 Fri & Sat; $14 matinees. Actors Theatre of SF, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Cry Havoc by Allan R Kenward. Set in 1942, the play is a moving study of human nature under the stress of World War II. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm at Miz Brown's Cabaret Theatre, 2565 Mission St nr 22nd, SF; 4/9-5/1. Info/res: 921-2769.

Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories, musical written & performed by Ellen Gould. Play is a granddaughter's joyous & touching remembrance of her two immigrant grandmothers, combined with her own search for personal identity. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre production. Previews 4/17, 18 & 20, all tix $15. Runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, tix $23 & $25; Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, tix $25 & $27; Sun at 7 pm, tix $23 & $25. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 433-9500 or BASS.

Abingdon Square by Maria Irene Fornes. A rich & incisive study ofthe consequences of a young girl's sexual & emotional awakenings and her troubled marriage to a much older man. University Theatre production. Guest-directed by Roberto Gutierrez Varea. Play runs Thurs-Sun, 4/8-18. Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Zellerbach Playhouse, UC Berkeley (opposite Alumni House). Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs. Ifno/res: Cal Performances (510) 642-9988.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. Wilde's hilarious, classic comedy of manners. Produced & directed by Michael-Colin Reed of "Whatever Happened to BB Jane?" fame. Play runs 4/15-18, every Wed night at 8 pm, Sat at 4 pm, Sun at 7 pm; thru the end of May. Tix $10. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

Pulp Playhouse improvises crime stories for income tax weekend. Don't miss this hilarious group of improv comedians as they perform stories of crime & detection inspired by titles from the audience. Thurs-Sat 4/15-17 at 8 pm. Tix $12 Thurs & Fri, $15 Sat. New Conservatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave near Market, SF. Info/res: 861-8972.

I Witness by Mary Miller. Play looks at three lives in an African American family forever changed by the possession of a secretly videotaped murder of a Black man by the police. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, 4/15-5/16. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St nr 14th, Oakland. Tix $11-$25. "Thursday's Voices" post-performance discussion for "I Witness" on 4/22. Info/res: (510) 763-7774.

Floyd City, a hapless autobiography by infamous local cynic Ian Shoales (aka Merle Kessler). The Marsh production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, thru 5/2. Tix $7-10 SL fee. Info/res: 641-0235. 1062 Valencia St, SF.

Cinderella... the real true story Tribad Productions tale tells of what happens when Cinderella falls for the princess, and love runs like a stream through the realm. Play runs Thurs-Sat, 4/9-5/8 at Five Corners Theatre, corner of English & Western, Petaluma. For showtimes & tix info call (707) 545-9806.

Laughing Wild by Christopher Durang. Provocative, brilliantly inventive & funny story of the perils of modern life in urban America. Hilarious look at the rigidity of the Catholic Church, nuclear waste, rude taxi drivers, homosexuality, AIDS, affirmations & more. Caryn Horwitz production. Runs 4/14-5/23, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $12. Low-priced previews 4/14 & 15, $8. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St nr Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV + Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves: Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

"Falsettos" plays at the Curran Theatre, April 27-May 23. Onstage has info. Photo by Carol Rosess/Martha Swope Assoc.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups

spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV+ & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client

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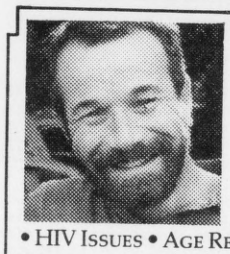

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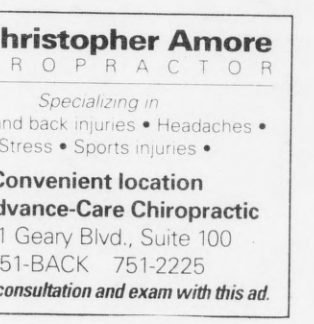

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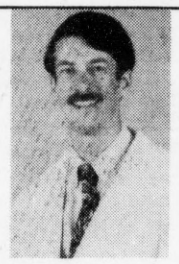

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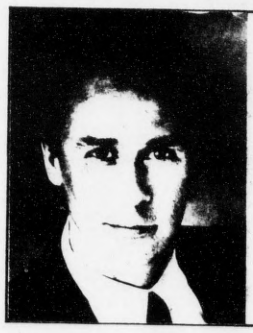

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Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV + /AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244.

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

18th Street Services provides outpatient individual & group counseling for gay/bi men and transgenders with alcohol and/or drug problems. Sliding scale, no one turned away for inability to pay. Multicultured staff. HIV/AIDS info & referral. 217 Church St, SF. Call 861-4898.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets twice monthly. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30 + especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.

Women Incest Survivors: Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.

Gay & Lesbian Street Fair Participants & Spectators: Photographer seeks statements/narratives for submission with photographers's portfolio on SF's major gay & lesbian street events (Pride Parade, Folsom & Castro Street Fairs, and Halloween). Select one event & write a two paragraph to one page essay on what that event means to you. If book is published & your statement used, you will receive $50 for each statement, and free copy of the book. Send statements to: Steve Cassidy Photography, 400 Duboce St, No. 318, SF 94117 or call 905-4453 for more info. Deadline: 4/12.

1993 Festival at the Lake Photo Competition: Amateur & professional photographers who live in the 9 Bay Area counties are welcome to submit photos of the places in which they live, work & play. Photos may be of people, landscapes, abstact images, interiors, etc. Photos will be exhibited at the Festival at the Lake on 6/4-6. For more info call (510) 286-0585 or send SASE to FATL, Photo Contest, 1630 Webster St, Oakl. Deadline: 4/26.

'93 Gay Pride Art Exhibit: Levi Strauss & Co Lesbian/Gay Employee Association is accepting submissions from Bay Area lesbian, gay & bisexual artists, all medias, for upcoming Pride Exhibit (6/11-27). Submit up to 5 slides, SASE with $5 entry fee payable to LGEA, with resume/statement to LGEA Art Exhibit, 1155 Battery, SF 94111. Deadline: 4/30.

Gay/Lesbian Veterans of the Vietnam/Gulf War Eras: The Nation magazine seeks accounts of your experiences working/living alongside straights and/or other gays in the military, for a special edition to be devoted to gays & lesbians in America, one section of which will feature essays from those who have served/are serving in the armed forces. Send short accounts (1200 words max, 2-3 typed pages) describing what the atmosphere is like for gays/lesbians in combat, on routine duty or in the barracks. If sexual activity was an option for you while in the service, feel free to write about it. Send entries SASE to Mark Marton, The Nation, PO Box 423475, SF 94142. For details call Mark 621-4274.

Restless Pens: A Gay & Lesbian Playwrights Festival, spons by Golden Gate Performing Arts, The New Conservatory Theatre Center & Theatre of Arts Original, seek full-length plays for possible production & scenes. Send one-acts and works-in-progress for possible staged reading. Subject matter is open, but all playwrights must be openly gay or lesbian. For details send copyrighted script with $15 to Golden Gate Performing Art, Restless Pens, PO Box 421491, SF 94142-1491. Deadline: 5/31.

Bedside Companions: Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) seeks submissions to *Bedside Companions*, his forthcoming anthology of short fiction by Black gay men. The anthology "aims to chart territory beyond the coming-out stories and the political treatises on racism... to more closely examine home, friendship, family—immediate and extended—lovers, 'brothers,' and the impact life's joys & sorrows have on these relationships." Guidelines: Send each piece of short fiction (10-20 pgs) in duplicate with SASE. No poems, essays, entire novels, plays or play excerpts. No simultaneous submissions. No gratuitous sex, violence, misogyny or sexism. Black gay artists interested in submitting art work for the anthology's cover & illustrations are encouraged to send up to 6 slides, clearly numbered & identified, with SASE. Cover slides may be b&w and color, inside slides are b&w only. Send original, unpublished submissions with SASE to: Essex Hemphill, Anthology 1993, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455. Deadline: 6/1.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

I Never Said Goodbye to Nat: Submissions of poetry, letters, prose, etc., written to or for those who have died of AIDS, or are HIV-positive; for a book to be published called *I Never Said Goodbye to Nat*. Profits will benefit AIDS organizations. For more info or to send submissions (SASE): Mary R Sanders, The Nat Foundation, PO Box 308, Briarcliff NY 10510.

Liz Canning's "Handmirror/Brush set included," part of ATA's night of performance, film, and video, "You're Afraid of Girls?!" on Apr. 16. Calendar has details.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Bi-Friendly UC: support group followed by social. All members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community are welcome. Info/location: Davey (510) 235-6657.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707)

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission; free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal

medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.

Women Country Western Dancers: Meet other 2-steppers in a friendly atmosphere. Social dancing, with free lessons. Every Thurs starting at 7 pm, and Sun 4-9:30 pm, in Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 524-7648.

Western Star Dancers offer country western & line dancing first Fri of each month. 7-9:30 pm at Eureka Valley Rec Ctr, Collingwood & 18th St, SF. Soft-soled shoes only. Call 621-0862.

Dark Shadows Society:: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

Gay Ham Group: Lambda Radio Amateur Club meets 8 pm, 2nd Thurs of each month. Amateur Radio operators & those interested in learning about the hobby are welcome to call 863-1196 or write Lambda Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 14073, SF CA 94114.

G/LOV (Gay & Lesbian Videomakers) spons open screenings & mtgs for people involved in all aspects of the medium. Write G/LOV, Box 14051, SF 94114.

Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.

Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information: Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.

Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a countywide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, non-judgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

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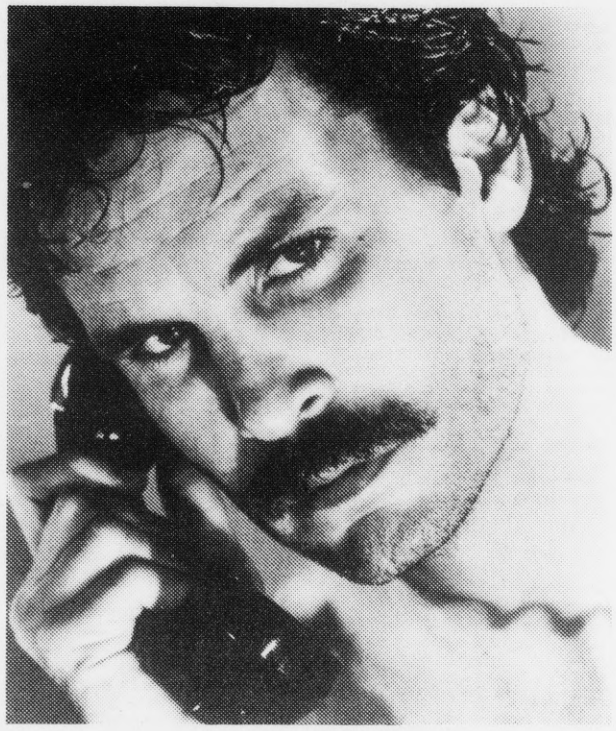
Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.
Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.
Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.
Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.
Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.
Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.
NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.
Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.
The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.
Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.
Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.
Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.
Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.
Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.
Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.
African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.
Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.
Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.
Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.
Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.
AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.
Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.
CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.
CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.
GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.
AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.
Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.
Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.
Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.
Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.
Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.
Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.
Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.
Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.
Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.
African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.
The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.
African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.
Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.
Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.
Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.
Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.
Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.



Michael Kearns in James Carroll Pickett's "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret Apr. 21-May 2. See Calendar for info. Photo by Thomas Cunningham

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.
Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.
VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.
Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.
Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.
The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.
Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.
Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.
Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.
GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.
Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.
Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.
Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.
Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically insprired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.
Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).
Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.
SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.
LIPS: (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.
Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.
Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.
Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.
Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.
ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.
ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.
Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.
GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.
Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sun every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers: Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.

Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets. Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italieno. Last Friday eve of each month. Call 824-2323.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month. SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.

Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.

Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.

Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.

Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.

Zen in the Castro: Hartford Street Zen Center is a Zen Buddhist temple & AIDS hospice. Join us. Learn Zazen, Zen meditation. Info/appt: 861-6779.

Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.

Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for info on current & upcoming events.

Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

Imaging the Goddess as a personal, political & fun action. Make a unique politicl statement, explore your creativity & connections to strong images of wimmin. Free wkshops offered throughout Spring, all wimmin welcome, art-phobics especially encouraged. Eastbay & SF locations, call (510) 655-2179 for info.

Spiritual Company, a non-sectarian meditation & discussion group meets twice monthly to share the peace, strength, hope & love that our chosen paths have brought us. Call 647-9609 or write 95 Corwin St #2, SF 94114.

Tayu Center: Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, modern spiritual adept. Study groups meet 2nd Fri of each month at 7:30 pm in the Eastbay (776 Colusa Ave, El Cerrito) and 3rd Tues at 8 pm in Marin (77 Bulkey #12, Sausalito), and the last Tues at 8 pm in Sebastopol (898 Daniel St). Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave, Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF: Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service: Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area: Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 6:30 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7:30 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 921-3207 or Deacon Joel Daniels 864-3868.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church. Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7-9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons. Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y

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oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church. 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men. AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church: small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm: Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am; adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit; parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners. Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support. Group for Professed Religious who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows: Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero: Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 824-2512.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets 3rd Wed of each month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! Info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts. Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team: Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women whose partners have a chronic illness. Build a circle of friends you can draw support from. For info call Pam 641-0461.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm, 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator), 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older: Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo: Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women: Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"counseling"**, **"relationship"**, **"recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

QYA (Queer Youth Alliance): Gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth center. 24-hr hotline. Daily events, HIV-positive groups. For queer youth 25 yrs of age or younger. Call 750-3225.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23: Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians: (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF. 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Walnut Creek Youth Group for gay, lesbian & bi youth under age 21 meets Sun at 1 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301. Info: (510) 939-7711.

beat this by don baird

Jade Semi-Precious: A new supermodel for the '90s? Photo by Daniel Nicoletta

"Dolls" Chronicled—Again

At the risk of my column needing a name change from "Beat This" to something like "The *Dolls* Chronicles," I have even more exciting news about Phillip R. Ford's held-over theatrical presentation at the On Broadway in North Beach. There in the sour, throbbing electric glow of strip joints and dirty bookstores on Broadway, Phil and a brilliant cast of locals have produced a stage version of *Valley of the Dolls* based on the film from the most popular "dirty book" of perhaps all time by Jacqueline Susann. Heading into its second month, *Dolls* has become a tight, polished production and is due to close on April 17, so if you haven't seen it yet make your reservations now.

Last week the show was unexpectedly locked out of the theater two nights in a row due to a dispute between the property owner and tenants, or theater management. This injustice to the cast and theatergoers reeked of that classic age-old sleazy North Beach underworld mystique: gun-toting landlords with one eye, the stripper who knew too much, a body discovered in a basement, slavery rings, that sort of thing. Nevertheless, Phil served them with a lawsuit for damages and they quickly handed over the keys for Friday night's show. Not present that night was the ill-mannered manager, a fixture at the venue since way back when punk bands played there, who has on more than one occasion been frightfully unpleasant to me and could use a lesson or two in proper decorum.

It was a happy coincidence that the theater re-opened on Friday because a very special guest, someone whose visit had been anticipated for weeks and who was rumored to be in the audience every weekend, someone whom the cast had ominously and affectionately begun to refer to as "The Lady," and someone who had the power to shut the show down if she wanted to, finally flew into town to catch *Dolls*. Her name is Lisa Maurren, stepdaughter of Jacqueline Susann and owner of the rights to *Valley of the Dolls*, which, incidentally, holds the *Guinness Book of World Records* record as the largest-selling paperback of all time. Cast members were peeking out of the dressing room entrance off the lobby asking, "Where's The Lady?" I knew as soon as I saw her leopard-print scarf and handbag.

The show went well and when I asked her, Lisa Maurren said she enjoyed it. The cast trundled down the stairs into the lobby for the post-show schmooze a little more quickly than usual, all anxious to meet Maurren. Posters were autographed, pleasantries exchanged and before I knew it everyone was off to Connie Champagne's house to watch a rare video that Maurren had brought along to share with Phil. As for the big question about shutting down the show over copyright infringement, I'm certain it wasn't even a consideration. She was enthusiastic when she first read about a drag version of *Valley of the Dolls* in the *New York Times*, and flew out for the show "just for the fun of it." The video we watched at Connie's was a made-for-TV documentary on Jacqueline Susann and it was fascinating. I had no idea what a magnificent, sharp-dressing, brutal, powerful and way-ahead-of-her-time woman Jackie Susann was. Augmented by Lisa's running commentary ("Pucci was her favorite designer....Watch her typing. See. She only used two fingers and look how fast...There's Josephine, her poodle, and subject of her first book. I have Josephine stationery at home...She loved science fiction....Judy Garland only had three dresses sent to her room at the hotel thinking she would be there only three days. All Pucci's. And for the 14 days she was involved with *Valley of the Dolls* that's all she had to wear!"), the video inspired a chorus of oohs and aahhs over make-up, hair and clothing and hushed reverence over rare footage of a press conference with Jackie and Judy Garland announcing Judy's casting as Helen Lawson, her last film role, which was never completed due to Judy's—shall we say... legend.

What can I say besides it was a rare and wonderful Hollywood-style occasion meeting Lisa Maurren and watching the video and hearing only a few of the pearls of what I'm sure is a wealth of interesting anecdotes and details involved in keeping the estate and memory of a great woman preserved and not forgotten. The most awesome info disclosed was the vast amount of unprinted works by Susann this woman has in her possession, including a sequel to *Valley*, a science fiction novel, lots of plays written for the stage, collaborations with her secretary and best friend. As for the cast of *Dolls* and Phil, I can't think of a group more hungry and grateful for such a treat, nor one more deserving.

WHO NEEDS THEIR APPROVAL ANYWAY?

Speaking of just deserts, I've learned that both the *Chronicle* and the *Examiner* felt *Dolls* did not deserve to be reviewed in either daily, which I find deplorable in any local publication claiming to have an entertainment section. It was dismissed by one of the papers as unworthy of review because it "glorifies amateurism." I heartily disagree. Now that the *Examiner* has let readers know that it's a drag drag drag drag world in this post-*Crying Game* era, I can hardly believe they wouldn't have reviewed a show that Lypsinka herself actually attended—after all she's a model and stuff. Perhaps they were too busy playing the "Let's Dress Jaye Davidson for the Oscar Night" game in Mandy Behbehani's fashion cubicle, with anatomically correct fashion-sketch paper dolls.

Other luminaries and notables who have made their way out to see *Dolls* include many cast members from several shows that apparently do not glorify amateurism, like *Beach Blanket Babylon* (I guess it's okay to glorify potty humor), *Guys and Dolls*, *The Brady Bunch* (Gee, Jan, I don't know), etc. And just what did *Oba! Oba!* glorify? And why are people involved in casting upcoming shows attending *Dolls* and making offers to cast members? Why did the most sought-after young director in the motion picture industry, Gus Van Sant, a guy who has every major Hollywood star vying to work with him on his upcoming *Mayor of Castro Street*, or anything he does, attend the show one night, hanging out afterward to meet Phil and a few cast members? Probably the same reason he attended Danielle Willis' *Breakfast in the Flesh District*— he's smart. He's smart enough to sense where artistic boldness and commitment to one's art and vision are to be found, which usually isn't very close to the bank and lately seems much closer to the graveyard. Mr. Van Sant probably considered the production respectfully rather than something to write off as unworthy, but he certainly *didn't* find out about *Dolls* in this fair city's daily newspapers. I'm glad he was steered in the right direction or he wouldn't have met or seen Jade. Jade plays, magnificently, the role of Jennifer North, the Sharon Tate role in the movie.

A SUPERMODEL IS BORN

Jade Semi-Precious has emerged from *Dolls* as the up-and-coming star on the scene. Her near-flawless characterization of Jennifer is executed with uncanny similarity to the way it was played by Sharon Tate, yet the imitation burns with another quality, one that is uniquely Jade while at the same time something shared by every person possessing the unstoppable urge to be a performer. She exudes greatness and it seems effortless. She's a true natural if ever I saw one and I look to her future with unbridled excitement and, dare I say it, goosebumps. Her work in *Dolls* is just one facet of her overall talent. She can take the simplest or silliest of performance options, like a song at a karaoke bar or a 30-minute stint of go-go dancing or the basic drag tradition of lip-synching and turn it into a mind-shattering event, a performance pulled out of nowhere. Her recent appearance at Star Bar lipsynching two songs left me spellbound in a new way. Jade does to lip-synching what Sonic Youth does to traditional rock songs. She takes a song, retains a smattering of fully traditional drag nuances and shatters the structure sporadically with lust, rage and humor, then pulls them back together by the time she synchs the last note. It's vivid and confrontational and difficult to describe. It makes Lypsinka look like housewife.

Well, Gus Van Sant, having seen Jade both as Jennifer North and out of drag, a state in which Jade resembles your basic teenage grunge-rocker, was apparently intrigued. One thing led to another and after a preliminary meeting Gus chose Jade as the model for the logo he will be using to represent his own film company. Elaborate costumes have been fitted and a date for the photo shoot is set. I can't help but think that this alliance could lead to more work with him than just modeling, because she's definitely capable and according to fellow members of the cast of *Dolls*, conducts herself with solid professional grace. Doesn't sound like just another glorified amateur to me.

I had to wonder if Jade, during her curtain call on the night Gus saw the show, pulled her long blond wig off just before she took her bow. I watched her do that one night. In a short tight black mini-dress with those miraculous legs and that perfect saucy strut, she walked halfway out on the long ramp that extends into the audience and pulled off the wig. Her own shoulder-length brown tresses fell down about her face and with one attractive flip of the head, she was perfect. She continued to the end of the ramp, not as Sharon Tate and not as a wigless player proving for shock value the gender illusion. She walked the rest of the ramp as a supermodel. Of course there were flowers. ✿

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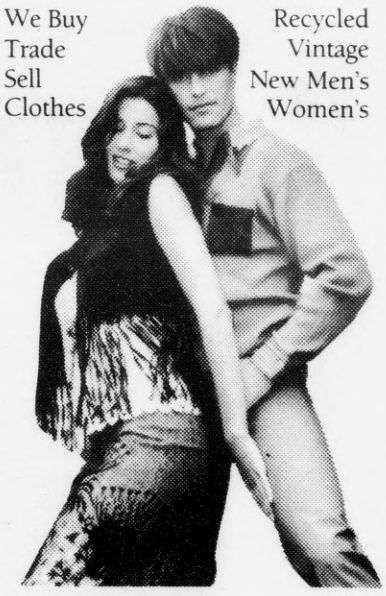

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Setting An Example

You've probably heard about the big benefit happening at the Cow Palace on April 9. Nirvana is headlining, with support from L7, Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy and the Breeders. It's a great lineup, and the proceeds are going to Tresnjevka Women's Group to assist rape survivors in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Tresnjevka is one of a handful of groups operating in the former Yugoslavia to counteract the hideous toll the war has taken on women: Estimates are that some 20,000 women and girls have been systematically raped during the war, largely perpetrated by Serbs against Bosnian Muslims. Another 30,000-60,000 women and girls continue to be held in camps, often with the express purpose of preventing them from terminating unwanted pregnancies.

Working out of Zagreb with a group of volunteers, Tresnjevka Women's Group needs funds to implement its three-part program: opening an office, conducting a fact-finding tour of detention camps, and establishing a women's center, with the end result of promoting self-sufficiency among the women of the occupied and unoccupied areas.

It is the Tresnjevka group's hope that the criminals responsible for the rapes can be brought to justice. As the Center for Reproductive Law and Policy puts it, "Women are made the targets of this violent deprivation of human rights because they are *women*—no matter the ethnicity of the victim... As weapons of war, both rape and forced pregnancy are war crimes and crimes against humanity under international law."

And so... a rock concert. Well, it's not much, but says L7's Jennifer Finch, who's organized many a benefit with Rock for Choice, there are two aims with any benefit concert: to raise awareness and raise funds. "A lot of people think war sucks because people die, but a lot of people don't realize war sucks because people live. I think it's atrocious that there are women whose bodies are being used as battlegrounds—literally—and we wanted to make people aware of that on both sides. The benefit is for women victims of war, as opposed to Serb women or Muslim women."

How many men, I wonder, actually think about the issue when they show up at a rock concert? And how many go on to rape women? I ask Finch if she thinks L7 does anything to challenge audiences' perceptions of what they are seeing. Says Finch, "It's a very difficult question for me to answer. We don't go onstage with any kind of an agenda. We go onstage to play music. I'm not that smart. I never think about it. Maybe setting an example is better than setting an agenda."

Both L7 and Nirvana are known for taking political, humanist stances and both are leery of the weight their words carry. Says Nirvana's Chris Novoselic, "I'm conscious that I don't want to become some kind of rock 'n' roll pundit. First and foremost we're a rock 'n' roll band. Second, we just happen to be conscious people."

Finch says, "We're citizens of L.A., the U.S. and the world. When something bums us out, we can talk about it and we have an audience to listen to us." Does she accept the label "role model"? "I know that we are, because we get letters, and we get told that constantly," she says.

Novoselic, who originated the idea for the benefit, says, "It's grotesque that this is 1993 and there are concentration camps, and all the men in the Western world are not doing a thing about it. They're just dropping food packets."

Finch is only sorry L7 had to drop out of its proposed headlining slot with 7 Year Bitch in SF to do the benefit. "We will be doing a more accessible show. This issue's really important to us. I hope our fans will forgive us. We do wanna play a cheaper show."

Tickets are $19.50 and are available through the evil corporate ogre BASS or on the day of the show at the Cow Palace.

OTHER VOICES

"Songs need new voices to sing them in places they've never been sung in order to stay alive." It was that comment by Emmylou Harris that prompted Nanci Griffith to pay tribute to the songwriters she admires on her latest record. The result, *Other Voices, Other Rooms*, is named, of course, after Truman Capote's book. Now, the connection between Capote and folk music may be a bit hard to picture, but Griffith gives it a whirl. 1948, the year of the novel's publication, "marked a time of new voices in literature and coincided with a rebirth of interest in folk music," she explains.

Nanci Griffith: Paying tribute to her musical inspirations. Photo by E.J. Camp

Whatever the motivation (and check out Griffith ecstatically holding a copy of the book on the album cover), the finished product is top notch. Griffith covers songs by Malvina Reynolds, Woody Guthrie, Tom Paxton and Janis Ian, among others. The album booklet is smartly done, with photos of the writers and complete lyrics enclosed. This is clearly a labor of love and respect.

Griffith pays particular attention to the women she admires, writing that hearing Carolyn Hester on the radio "gave me wings to fly." And it was the death of Kate Wolf that got her and chum Emmylou Harris thinking about reviving her favorite works. Wolf's "Across the Great Divide" opens the album, and captures a bit of the nostalgic optimism that permeates the record. "I've been siftin' through the layers of dusty books and papers. They tell a story I used to know..."

Where possible, Griffith has brought in the original writer to accompany her on the song. Hence, appearances by Bob Dylan and John Prine, plus other guest shots from Chet Atkins and Guy Clark. The album closer, the traditional South African tune "Wimoweh," made popular by the Weavers, features an all-star chorus that includes Carolyn Hester, Emmylou Harris, Odetta, Indigo Girls, and many others. Griffith's made some pretty good friends over her 15-year career.

I had the peculiar experience of listening to the CD and thinking every song sounded familiar, even the ones I was sure I hadn't heard before. Griffith's enthusiasm is infectious, and I couldn't help but smile while listening to most of the songs.

Nor does she ignore the next generation, thanking up-and-comers Lee Satterfied and Iris DeMent, "who so remind me of my own self as a young woman songwriter out driving myself around America to play music." Both appear on the record, as well.

DeMent, whose Philo debut *Infamous Angel* turned a lot of heads last year, is opening for Griffith at Zellerbach on April 14, and so you can check both of them out.

ENDNOTES....

Rashida Oji will be appearing with a band at the Tea Spot Cafe in Berkeley on April 16. Her newly formed band of all African-American women consists of Lillie Robinson, Yolanda Bush, Renaye Brown, and Lynn Vidal, and they'll be playing between 9 and 11. "It's sort of a goodbye gig," says Oji, who's heading to New York to pursue her musical options, after the release of *Big, Big Woman*. (510) 848-7376.

Faster Pussycat celebrates its two-year anniversary with a $2 party on April 14 that includes an appearance by dykebilly band The Bucktooth Varmints... If that doesn't wet your whistle, there's always the benefit for Dykes Do D.C. on April 15 that Junk/Queer Video is hosting at the Clubhouse. In addition to dance and queer videos, the band Random Violets will perform.

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Navel Gazing With Tanya Donelly

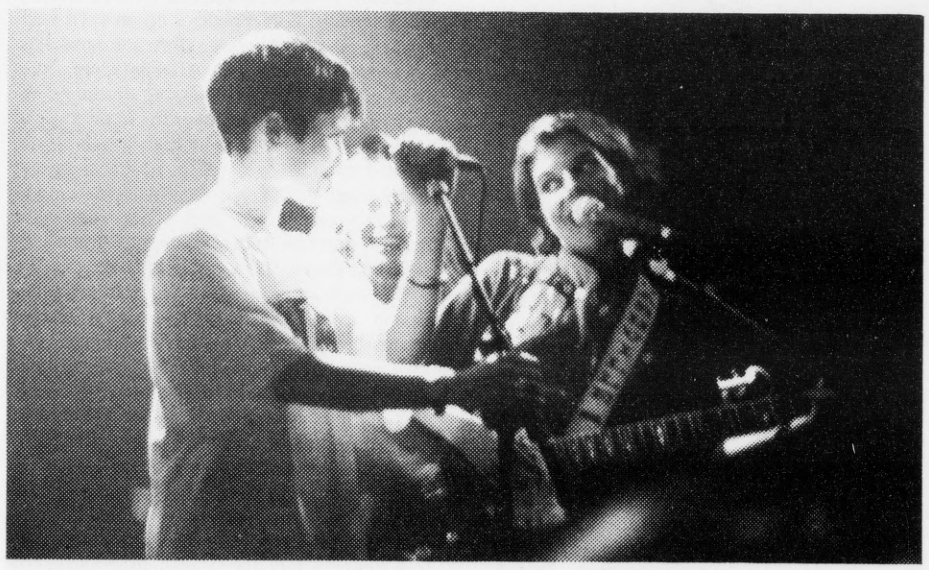
by Val C. Phoenix

"I've got this Wonder Woman tits thing going," says Belly's Tanya Donelly, appraising herself in the dressing room mirror at the University of London Union. It's true, her breasts are looking rather conical today, thanks to some serious tailoring, but Donelly is not really concerned. She flexes her biceps. "I'm gonna get buff," she declares, giggling.

Donelly, 27, is front and center with her new band, Belly, headlining at Slim's on April 13. Growing up in the shadow of step-sister and biggest influence Kristin Hersh in Throwing Muses and playing second fiddle to Kim Deal in the Breeders, Donelly has had plenty of time to firm up her songwriting chops, resulting in her writing all 15 songs on Belly's full-length American debut *Star* (Sire).

If today's soundcheck is any indication, though, Donelly's obviously absorbed a taste for kitsch along the way, choosing the Carpenters' "Close to You" to exercise her pipes. Belly has also dipped into the Tom Jones songbook and the *Jungle Book* oeuvre, recording "It's Not Unusual" and "Trust in Me" as B-sides on their UK-issued EPs.

At the heart of the band, though, is Donelly's catalogue of dreamy, disturbing originals. With Belly, she explores insecurity and unrequited longings—stuff you can feel in the pit of your stomach. There are lyrical threads of sleeping, water and the conflict between hardness and softness. Her songs are inescapably female in the same way Polly Harvey's are, with lots of bodily references—the band's name is only the beginning. In addition, there is a certain sexual ambiguity Donelly plays with—and not just in her music.



Mutual admiration society: Delores, Gail, and Tanya get close. Photo by Val C. Phoenix

Joining in this project are fellow Rhode Islanders and brothers Tom and Chris Gorman on guitar and drums respectively, and bass player Gail Greenwood. Donelly contributes guitar and vocals—the vocal sound wispy and light a la Juliana Hatfield, but with an underlying grimness. After all, she's singing about heroin-addicted rape victims, women with dogs tied to their backs, and women lying naked on beds with lights attached to them. My, Tanya, what a vivid imagination you have.

Punctuating her speech with hearty interjections of "fuckin' " and giggles, in person Donelly comes across as earthy and elfin, facing the world with a perpetual lopsided grin. As she tells it, she's easy to talk to, but hard to get to know.

(SF Bay Times) Is this sort of like your blossoming into a songwriter?

(Tanya Donelly) I think that happened before. That's why I left the Muses, because I had a lot of songs. Um, so the blossoming part happened probably first. I mean, of course there are gonna be similarities, because anything that I contributed to those two bands I obviously took with me. (chuckle)

There's all these weird overlapping connections with all these Northeastern bands. I know that there was a Pixies-Throwing Muses tour several years ago. Did you folks all know each other from Boston?

We didn't know each other *well* when we went on tour together, but we knew each other from seeing each other out. And Kim (Deal, a former Pixie) and I were kind of friends at that point, sort of in the beginning stages of like having that friendship crush on somebody, you know, where you're like, "Ooh! Ooh, she's cool. I want to hang out with her." (laughs)

I'm wondering what the difference is in that you went from the Breeders, where for a time it was all women, and then you go into a band and you're playing with two men. Is there any difference for you, working with men, primarily, as opposed to working with women?

Not the men I choose to work with, there isn't, because I don't work with (voice deepens) *men*. I work with guys. (chuckles) The men that I'm attracted to, as far as being in a band with, aren't necessarily "male-ocentric." I definitely have more fun if there's a woman involved, and I feel stronger if there's a woman onstage with me. Which is not to say that I am (pause) weak in the presence of men, because it's not that. I mean, I'd be lying if I didn't say that the female presence comforts me to a certain extent.

Onstage, the band is a revelation, far stronger live than on record. Donelly's voice is more limber, adding Celtic touches and subtleties not heard on the recordings. The songs seem to really come to life, aided by audiences who respond, as in London where crowds thrash even to poppy numbers like "Gepetto." Donelly, who has a mortal fear of performing and who throws up before almost every show, seems completely in control onstage. She is well-complemented by Greenwood's antics. Looking like the long-lost fifth member of L7, the bassist simply can't stand still, flinging her hair about and jumping on whatever's available. "Yeah," says Donelly in appreciation, "She's my Kim Deal."

You described the name Belly as "soft, warm, and female." And, at least in this record, you're writing the lyrics and music. Is that something that you wanted to convey, particularly?

Not in a hardcore way, just it's part—I mean I think (pause) I am female, so I don't have to try to be. You know what I mean? I'm attracted to words like "belly" because I'm attracted to my own belly, to a certain extent. It's something that makes sense as a word for me to use. I mean, that was a group consensus, too. The guys—at first they were like, "Ewww. It reminds me of fat and stuff," but...

Well, actually, the first thing that I think of is "exposed."

Yeah, it's icky. It's like a slimy word, but it's also a really pretty word.

In fact, the song "White Belly" was a formative song for Donelly, predating the band and capturing her rootlessness quite well as she made the transition to a new stage. "Put on your black dress. Float on your back / Now I'm gone." Donelly has an affinity for farewell songs. As an encore, she performs the solo "Untogether," its bitter verses spilling out to conclude, "Sometimes there's no poison like a dream."

"Untogether." What is that about?

"Untogether" is "White Belly" in specific. It's directed at the same situations, but it's really, really literal, which I was really embarrassed about for a while, because the people involved (voice deepens) know who they are.

Huh. Well, there's this one lyric in it: "I was friendly with this girl who insisted on touching my face..." What is that about?

A woman that I knew—a very, like, unhappy relationship that—you know, a weird relationship that we had.

Was that—

(voice deeper) I'm not gonna talk about her.

Well, was that a romantic relationship or was that—

(very nervous) I'm already in trouble on this song. I've already had three confrontations about

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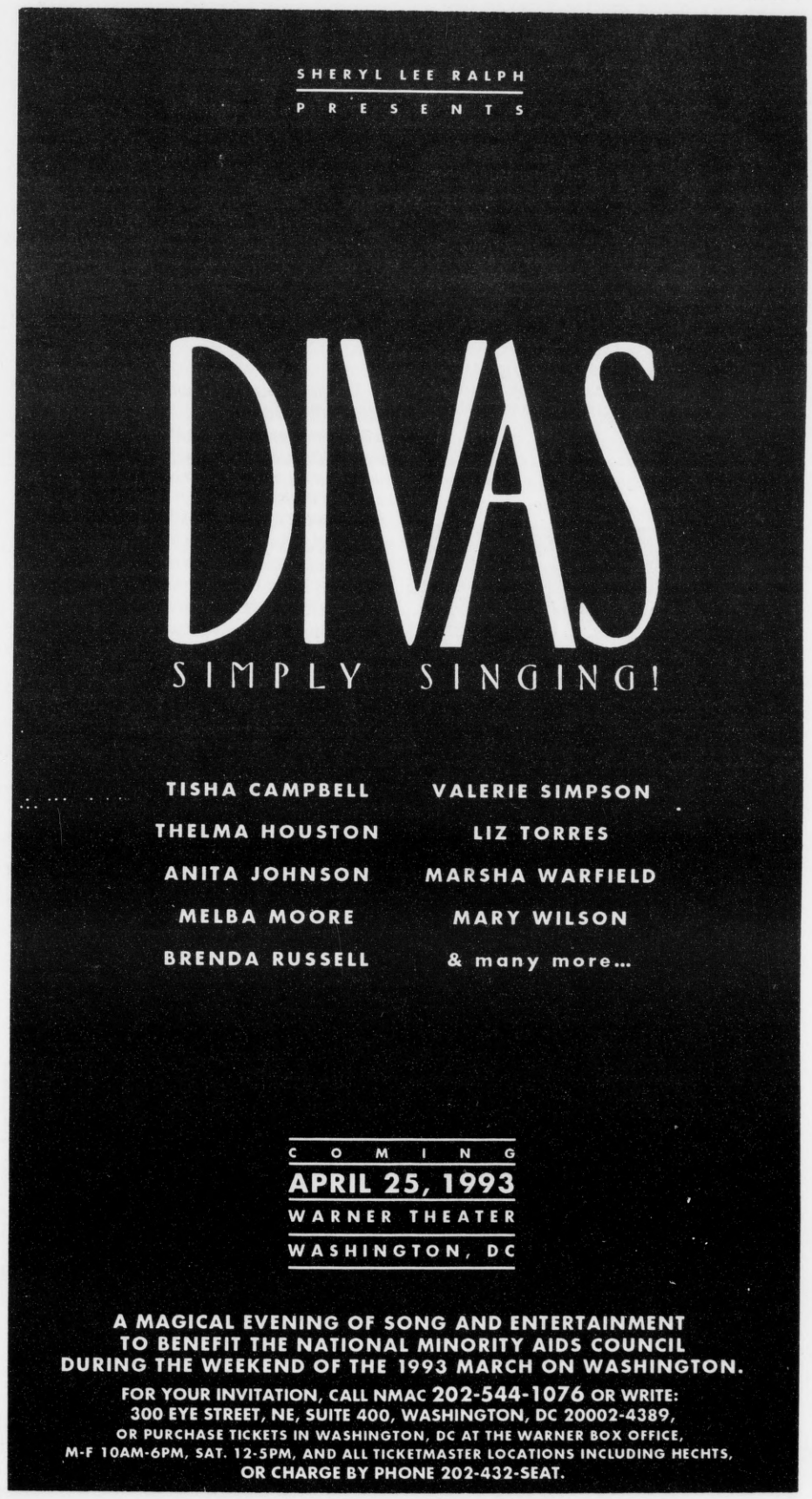

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this song, so I just wanna get through it.

Ooh. You're blushing a little there. Well, OK. Is this something you're uncomfortable about or—

(claps hands to face) I know, I know, I know. I'm uncomfortable about it because I've never been mean before and it's mean. You know what I mean? I don't like to be mean, and I almost didn't put it on the record. I tried to pull it and ended up putting it on.

Donelly brings on Delores O'Riordan, vocalist for opening band the Cranberries, to join in on the wistful acoustic number "Stay." Wearing each other's band T-shirts, the two coo sweet nothings into the microphone about Solomon diving "for that big dusky pearl." Yet, one can't quite shake the feeling they're more interested in each other. The word "chemistry" comes to mind. It's magic.

Have you ever been involved in relationships with women?

I haven't had (pause) naked sex with a woman (exhales), but I've had romantic—but I've also had romantic relationships with men where I haven't had naked sex with them either. I've only been penetrated by men. (giggles)

To put it bluntly. Do you mean in the physical sense or....

I've had crushes on women who have had crushes on me, and I don't know if it's cowardice on my part or that I'm just not (pause) gay. I don't know what it is. The bandmembers are always on my case because I have crushes on women; they're always like, "Why don't you just fuck her and get it out of your system?!" because I tend to get to the point where I'm like, "Am I? Aren't I?" You know, I'm engaged to a man right now, so everything else is out of the question anyway, because I'm a very monogamous person, number one. But...

That's a tricky one.

I mean I've come close a couple of times and then (pause) I don't want to say that I've chickened out. I just don't know that it necessarily comes naturally to me, and those kinds of situations always end up warmer than if you're in that with a man. You know what I mean—if there's no consummation of the relationship, there's still a relationship to a certain extent—

Right.

—whereas sometimes if you have that kind of a relationship with a man, there's *always* some kind of bitterness if you don't have sex.

Hmm. Well, it does seem that a lot of these things are very focused on a physical act. That's the way society defines a relationship.

Uh-huh.

Well, if you don't fuck the person it's not defined as a relationship.

Right. It is weird, because I've only slept with, to be honest—and this is the first time I've ever said this—I've only slept with four people in my life. So, it's not like I have random sex and I'm excluding my own gender from that. I'm a very libidinous person, but I'm very specific about who I sleep with and sometimes (voice drops to a whisper) too much so. It's probably more of an answer than you actually wanted. (giggles)

Well! That's fine. So, is that anything that you've written about, other than "Untogether?"

Yeah, "Sadie," ("Sexy S") which is this B-side, is about a... you know, a woman that I had a crush on.

"Sadie, Sadie, you've got beach bonfire hair and it turns a crazy red when I touch you there / This wave is so hard to hold and I can't swim / but I can turn this into gold." What was she saying about unconsummated lust?

So, you just feel sort of undefined, but you feel comfortable with that?

With my unrealized bisexuality? (giggles insanely) Yeah, I do feel good. I do, yeah. To a certain extent. I definitely wouldn't go so far as to say that I think everyone is bisexual, because I know people who are *not*. I think I just have more of a gray area than most people.

Where do you think your views on gender came from and is that something that you were brought up to believe or is that just your own—

It's something I definitely think about and how it relates to what I do. (vehemently) I don't obsess on it. I'm not obsessively female because—and this is gonna sound really precious—but I've never put myself in the position where I have to be (pause) extremely female. It's something where I feel my actions speak louder than anything I could really say, and I'm really naive in that I kind of assume that everybody's a feminist at this point. Which *is* naive, because a lot of people aren't. I just assume people I meet are gonna deal with me on a human level. And for the most part they do, and if they don't, they aren't part of my microcosm. You know, I just don't really deal with them.

No, indeed, as Donelly reminds herself every night onstage, "You can't hold the impossibly untogether." ✿

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separated at birth

Annie McReynolds **Exene Cervenka**

Hey, Kids, Let's Sign Some Bands

by Val C. Phoenix

South by Southwest (SXSW) attracts hundreds of bands and hordes of record companies and music fans to Austin, Texas, every year. For the last few years, I've been eyeing it hungrily, figuring if I was ever going to go to one of these music conferences, this would be the one, not the least because I've heard such good things about Austin from lesbian musicians like Two Nice Girls. Well, it wasn't quite the queer musical paradise I envisioned.

If one phrase summed up the conference for me, it would probably be "missed opportunities." The smugness of the musical elite disturbed me, and the incredible presumptions made were dismaying. "You scratch my back. I'll scratch yours. Let's sign some bands..."

I began to have my suspicions about the whole affair on the first day, after I'd dutifully turned up for the very earliest panel sessions and heard one A&R guy describe his first look at Toad the Wet Sprocket as "one of those magical moments." Toad the $&&* Sprocket??!! After another panel, my notes read, "This whole panel was a mystery to me and completely irrelevant to my experience." That one was called "Is Rock Journalism Relevant?" "Uh-oh," I think. I'm feeling alienated.

SEX, SEXISM AND JOHNNY DEPP

Never did I feel so out of place as at the panel on Sex, Sexism and Rock, the one not-miss panel on my itinerary. The panel of mostly rock writers (again) was devoid of a queer perspective, though moderator Gina Arnold had been requested to include one. Instead, not ten minutes into the discussion, Arnold was avowing the willingness of the entire panel to "do" Johnny Depp "in a New York minute." (The one male kept quiet at that point.) The entire discussion was framed in heterosexual terms, and audience comments were trivialized. Arnold seemed unwilling to go outside her pre-selected topics.

Nevertheless, toward the end, Victoria Clare got up and told her story. "I've been in the business 15 years, worked at almost all the labels, and... I can't count the number of blowjobs I've been asked to give to promote my career, so-called." An incredulous Arnold asked, "In so many words?" "Yes," said Clare. "By people [sic] that are probably sitting on panels in other rooms right now."

Clare went on, "I think women should get together and support themselves in groups, because we all have stories to share and these cannot be secrets.... [It's] very important that if things like this happen to you in this business, *don't* be a nice person. We have to defend ourselves."

Her suggestion was to file more sexual harassment suits, so "we will not be perceived as victims and we will not be perceived as pushovers... You *must* do this, if not for yourself, for other women that are in the business and other women in this life."

So, after this heart-rending personal story and call to action, what does Arnold do? Suggest a discussion of the ghettoization of publicists! Nothing about sexual harassment or activism or anything this woman had just said.

Ironically, the panel on groupies had more of a feminist, gay-friendly slant than the one on sexism. Ann Powers proved quite capable at introducing topics and keeping panelists—most challengingly, Kim Fowley—on an even keel. Fowley, who at one point referred to himself as "John Holmes without the AIDS problem," was a complete loose cannon, aiming smarmy comments at anyone he felt unworthy. In response to a question about where male groupies go, he directed the audience to visit the Four Seasons bar, where many of the record company executives were apparently convening. "They manage the Beatles, start Sire Records, and start Arista," he said, in a thinly veiled gay reference.

Yet, such topics as repressed homoeroticism among males and, ever so briefly, lesbian groupies, were raised here with a sympathetic ear. To a point. "This would make a great topic for a panel next year," said Powers, stopping discussion on homoeroticism among the panel, since "we're all straight." Gee, how did that happen?

I didn't start out with such a cynical view of the whole thing. I was quite excited as I stepped out of the airport and looked for a bus to take downtown. Lugging my duffel bag, I spotted one lone figure in dark glasses waiting for the bus. It was Exene Cervenka, a fellow low-budget traveler. After determining that the bus really did come once an hour, she said, "I was going to ask you if you knew where the women's bar was." What? Do I look like the local lesbian tour guide? "Chances," I replied without missing a beat. I should explain I don't think Exene makes a habit of asking strange women about lesbian bars. We had previously done an interview, and I guess she remembered I was a dyke. So glad to be of service.

SO, WHERE ARE THE DYKES? OR YOU'RE NOT IN SF ANYMORE

Oh, dear, I don't think I'm in San Francisco (or as Texans say, San *Fran*cisco) anymore. Chances was my saving grace. It is indeed a women's bar, but welcomes men and even self-important in-

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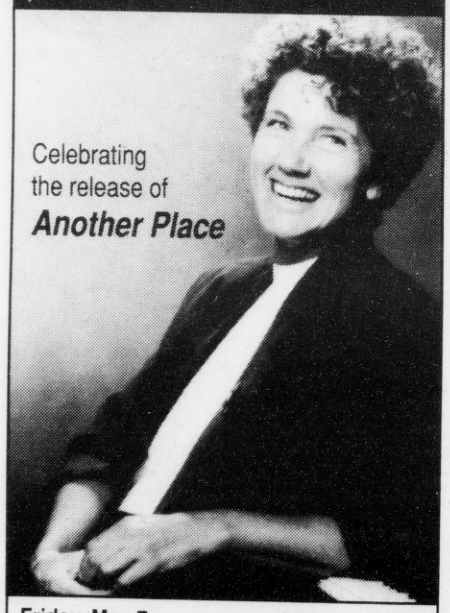

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dustry types during SXSW. One of the official venues during the conference, it hosted my favorite lineup of the weekend: My Sister Jane, Barbara Manning, Her Majesty the Baby, and Michelle Malone. Alas, I never saw Exene there.

Chances is where I finally met up with former Two Nice Girls guitarist Meg Hentges after many a phone call. "I thought you'd be here," she said. Meg has a new five-song tape out that I've been playing to death. Unfortunately, all is not well in Two Nice Girls Land. In fact, none of the other three is speaking to Kathy Korniloff in light of some kind of spat that happened last summer. This didn't stop her from ending up on the cover of the *Austin Chronicle* in her drag persona of Tyler. I thought it was her. Too handsome to be a man.

I'm not saying there weren't queers at SXSW, but it was awfully hard finding them. Trundling through the trade show, scarfing up free stuff left and right, I came across a table promoting Lift the Ban, but even here, the guy was straight. Escaping the convention center, I fled to Sixth Street, "Austin's Bourbon Street," and came across Bookwoman, the women's bookstore. Ah, I thought. I would return later to peruse and purchase, but for the moment, I just stood there watching a straight couple decide which groovy souvenir T-shirt to buy.

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BAD GIRL

Up on the wall of the store was a poster of Gov. Ann Richards astride a white motorcycle wearing an Elvis in Vegas outfit and a button reading "Bad Girl." The governor had autographed this particular poster, a reproduction of a now-famous *Texas Monthly* magazine cover. "Yeah," said the woman behind the counter, "We made her climb up there in her heels to sign it." Can you imagine Pete Wilson posing as Big Daddy? Would you want to?

Richards, once accused of being a San *Francisco* Democrat, opened the convention with a few remarks before the feeding frenzy began. Most weren't up yet when she spoke around 10:45 am. I wondered, "Could any state that spawned Ann Richards be all that bad?" It was a notion I debated vigorously.

THE TALENT

I was especially eager to check out the local talent, like Eleanor Plunge, a cosexual band featuring a singer whose vocal mannerisms are akin to Bikini Kill's and whose eyes tended to wander off to one side while she was singing. If I heard correctly, one of their lyrics was, "I put my head back on my neck." I was quite intrigued.

Singer-songwriters abounded: Melissa Ferrick from Massachusetts reminds me of Melissa Etheridge in more ways than one, with her overwrought style of singing. Lots of names I've seen on record jackets were playing tiny showcases hoping to re-connect with the biz: Cindy Bullens and Jill Sobule, among them. I didn't realize it was so common to get dropped after signing with a major label. Tish Hinojosa related her experience on one panel and said she's quite happy being on an independent. She played a great show at La Zona Rosa, too.

I ran into Lucinda Williams, checking out a friend's band in head-to-toe black leather. It wasn't very country, but then she's always been a renegade. I found out she's living in Nashville for the time being, since singers there are beginning to appreciate her songs. She picked up an Austin Music Award for Best Female Vocalist for her troubles.

Gross-out show of the weekend, hands-down, was the Genitorturers, whose brand of pseudo-simulated S/M almost covers up the fact that they have nothing to say musically. At one point, one of the guys spurted some liquid into the crowd that appeared to emanate from his penis. I didn't investigate further. The only truly entertaining moment was when they proclaimed they were from Orlando, Fla. "Yeah, we fucked Mickey Mouse up the butt," snarled the lead singer, which made me laugh.

On a different vibe, spoken word had its day for the first time. A packed house heard from more than ten spoken-word artists including a sizable L.A. contingent representing *Cause*. I walked in just in time to hear Exene Cervenka ask, "Why are straight men so afraid of dicks?"

Unofficial showcases abounded, including one all-Texan, all-women program called "Women on the Verge." Here I discovered Twice as Nice, twin sisters who've spent a lot of time listening to Loretta Lynn and Dolly Parton and singing in their bedrooms. They were kind of sweet and dressed like gay boys.

Speaking of jarring culture shock, I was approached by a woman from the band Klezmatics, who handed me a promo. You've gotta love a band whose album is called *Shvaygn=Toyt* (*Silence=Death*). Chew on that at your seder. She explained it's a joke with multiple meanings, since they seek to cross boundaries with their music, plus two members of the band are gay. I blessed the moment this little nugget was pressed into my hands. Their second record is called *Rhythm + Jews*. Klezmer in Texas. Yes, anything is possible. ✿

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BY CHING CHANG

Departing Gifts: The AIDS Quilt Songbook Comes to SF

As part of the SF Symphony's new music festival Wet Ink, the AIDS Quilt Songbook will receive its West Coast premiere on Monday, April 19, at Davies Symphony Hall. Conceived and idealized by American baritone William Parker, the Songbook consists of art songs by many of the most prominent contemporary American composers, including, among others, Ned Rorem, John Harbison, Annea Lockwood, John Corigliano, Donald Wheelock, Lee Hoiby, Chris DeBlasio, John Adams and this year's Pulitzer winner William Bolcom.

This San Francisco performance of the AIDS Quilt Songbook will be dedicated to William Parker, who died peacefully last week at age 49 in his New York apartment. All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Shanti Project.

Premiered at New York's Alice Tully Hall last year, the Songbook is a continuous project which was initiated by Parker, when, at the prime of a singing career which had taken him all over the world, he discovered that he had contracted AIDS. Once his condition became known, worried bookers and agents quickly began canceling his appearances, and Parker, rather than allowing his baritone voice to be silenced, chose to embark upon what might eventually prove to be the most remarkable contemporary song project in the late-20th-century United States.

Writing to many of the most important American composers (some of them his personal friends), he asked each one to donate a song about AIDS or compose from a poem by or about a person with AIDS—a concept similar to the Names Project Quilt. These works would then be presented as a collection, and all proceeds from commercial rights would be donated to AIDS charities. Receiving an overwhelmingly positive response, the Songbook now includes entries representing virtually all major American composers of vocal music. Among the composers there are gays, straights, people with AIDS and several Pulitzer winners, representing multiple ethnicities and styles. Like the Names Project Memorial Quilt, the Songbook is supposed to keep growing beyond the original 18 entries of its New York premiere.

The economy of elements in the song format possibly affords the medium a most immediate means to explore the private pains and the highly personal experiences of the AIDS tragedy at an individual level, and a more poignant genre for a musical tribute could hardly be found. Before his death, William Parker himself sang several selections of the Songbook as it made its way through recital halls in the country, for as long as his health permitted.

The performance at Davies will be delivered by a cast of song specialists: baritones Sanford Sylvan (who sang the title role in last fall's *Death of Klinghoffer* at the SF Opera), Kurt Ollmann (who was often chosen by the late Leonard Bernstein for his personally supervised recording projects) and David Evitts. They will be accompanied by pianist William Huckaby.

Although I personally have not yet heard a single note from the Songbook, the symphony's press release lists titles which hint suggestively of how emotionally charged the musical content might be in the works scheduled to be performed. Included are entries such as Bolcom's *Vaslav's Song: Dasvedanya Mama* (on words by Ethyl Eichelberger), Carl Byron's *The Birds of Sorrow* (lyrics by Ron Schreiber), Annea Lockwood's *For Richard* (words by Eve Ensler), and Ned Rorem's *A Dream of Nightingales* (poem by David Bergman).

This event is a welcome departure from the SF Symphony's usually passive involvement with socially relevant projects (other than, of course, simply playing music), and it is in fact quite wor-

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thy of merit at many different levels. The Monday, April 19, performance begins at 8 pm, and tickets ($15-$50) can be purchased from the symphony's box office at (415) 431-5400, or in person at Davies Hall. Several panels from the Names Project Quilt will also be displayed.

VICTORIA BOND DEBUTS SAX CONCERTO WITH THE WOMEN'S PHILHARMONIC

As the Women's Philharmonic continues to collect all sorts of accolades and laurels (the latest was in the form of a $75,000 challenge grant from the NEA), Victoria Bond took the podium last Saturday as the guest conductor in the orchestra's fourth and possibly most adventurous concert of the season. Bond's credits are quite impressive, with lots of firsts as a conductor and a composer; most notably she is the first woman appointed to be an EXXON/Arts Endowment conductor with a major orchestra, the Pittsburgh Symphony in this case. She didn't seem to be as detail-oriented as conductor JoAnn Falletta, but nevertheless, at the concert at the First Congregational in San Francisco, she kept a firm control of the orchestra, in a tight and highly charged reading of several demanding orchestral works.

The concert began with a remarkable piece by Polish composer Grazyna Bacewicz, *Concerto for String Orchestra* (1948), which I consider myself most fortunate to have been exposed to. Composed in a neoclassical style, it is a richly inventive work with a determined and unwavering purpose. Vaguely nationalistic, the marvelous second movement *andante* somehow reminds me of Leos Janacek, only less pedantic.

The meat of the program came next, in the form of the highly awaited world premiere of Bond's own single-movement saxophone concerto, *Urban Bird*, with soloist Cynthia Sikes. *Urban Bird* is about as close as an instrumental piece can get to an actual opera without losing something of a non-vocal stylistic integrity. Bond is quite adept at exploiting sounds in an almost graphic manner, drawing the orchestra to actually emulate the real sounds of, for instance, a rushing train, or a bird flying away in wounded agony. Even though *Urban Bird* provides perhaps too many peak experiences to the listener, it has incredibly effective sections, like the amazing cadenza which comes forth not from a formalized tacet in the orchestra, but rather as if the bird had transcended through a threshold of pain into a higher sphere of consciousness. Cynthia Sikes played passionately, sometimes doing quite astounding tricks—specially for those of us not used to hearing saxophones in an orchestra—like pushing on the overtones of her instrument and materializing them into real notes.

After intermission, Bond returned to conduct Ruth Crawford Seeger's *String Quartet* (1931) in an orchestrated version. This American composer was an ultra-modernist in 1920s Chicago, and after winning herself a Guggenheim Fellowship (the first one ever), moved to Europe in the 1930s to produce pieces which were quite ahead of her peers', as is this quartet composed in Berlin. The *andante* movement is particularly remarkable, with the strings producing a sustained aura of seamless intensity.

The last work of the evening, Bun-Ching Lam's orchestral suite titled *Saudades de Macau*, in five movements, was unfortunately something of a letdown. To my ears, the highly programmatic descriptions the composer attempted to depict simply failed to solidify, and if the work's diffuseness was somehow meant to be the composer's search for alternative aesthetics, they certainly escaped me.

The WP's last concert of the 1992-93 season will be on May 8 at 8 pm at UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Auditorium. It will feature 15-year-old prodigy Emily Hsieh in Amy Beach's *Piano Concerto*, as well as orchestral works by Edie Hill, Cindy Cox, Lili Boulanger and Elinor Armer and Ursula LeGuin's *Island Earth* with the Oakland Symphony Chorus. Call (415) 543-2297 for tix and info. ✿

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BY GENE PRICE

Livin' on Salvation Street

Terry Garner's *Livin' on Salvation Street*, a runaway hit of the Theatre Rhinoceros 1985 season, has been revived for the current season in a new production directed by Suzanne Bennett. At the risk of assigning it the kiss of death, this poignant slice-of-life comedy is pure and simply "heartwarming."

The characterizations are original and well drawn and the acting is right on. I could only wish there were a more gutsy plot device, a more dramatically developed conflict that might surprise us in its resolution. Part of the problem may be director Bennett's somewhat measured pacing. This is a fragile play and it needs to move and keep moving.

Ruling the roost of this manless 1958 Kentucky household is easily aggravated Granny Blue (the superb Jane McFagan in a repeat of her 1985 performance) living on the memories of her gospel-singing youth and of fame and fortune sacrificed to marriage and motherhood. Bitter and imperious, her outlandish badgering of her daughter Betty Lou (Sheila Balter) and her secretive, tomboyish granddaughter Wilma (Amy Gollnick) provide the evening's funniest moments.

Betty Lou, a young widow, scrapes a meager living for the all-female household by working as a tourist guide in a limestone cave with a subterranean pool and a school of blind fish (whose uniqueness is particularly fascinating to young Wilma). Brash and good-natured, Betty Lou once saw Elvis "close up" and the memory seems to sustain her. She continues to drag home second-hand TV sets, none of which work without an occasional healthy kick from Wilma.

Teenage Wilma's only friend is Clyde (M. Shane Cook), the nerdy, horn-rimmed high school kid who confesses his crush on one of the guys in his class. When Clyde asks if he can kiss him, the kid offers to bash Clyde in the face, then makes a date to meet him in the locker room the next day. A wiser, protective Wilma bristles at the prospect and offers to wait outside and beat up Clyde's date if anything goes wrong. Tossing back her bobbed hair and flexing her muscles, we have no doubt she can do it.

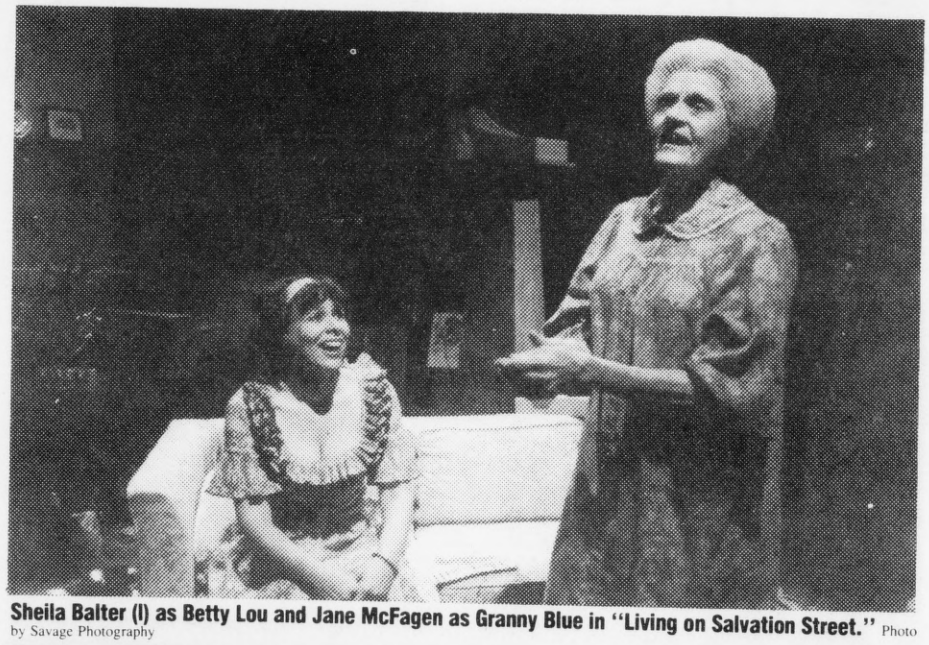
But it is Wilma who will need protection. In an after-dinner songfest, Granny Blue trills through one of her old gospel numbers. Then Clyde takes the floor to do a pelvis-twitching Elvis song (at which Granny Blue rolls her eyes in disgust) and, almost unaware that she has joined in, Wilma begins to sing. Granny Blue is thunderstruck. "The child's got talent!" she cries with a look that manages to insult her own talentless daughter.

She gets on the phone and calls her old radio station contacts to set up auditions. She drags out her old costume, and when Wilma rejects its feminine glitter and feathers, she puts it on herself to celebrate the fame and fortune that are just around the corner once more. Betty Lou's eyes shine with the fantasy of her own personal Graceland.

But Wilma has an escape plan of her own.

Souvenir knick-knacks, scraggly plants, some mismatched furniture, and a couple of dark TV screens create the parlor and dining room of Granny Blue's old Kentucky bungalow. Peter-Tolin Baker designed the set and Jane Serba the costumes that might well have been ordered from a 1958 Sears catalogue.

Livin' on Salvation Street continues through May 1 on the Theatre Rhinoceros mainstage. Call 861-5079.



Sheila Balter (l) as Betty Lou and Jane McFagen as Granny Blue in "Living on Salvation Street." Photo by Savage Photography

San Franciscans Shake the Big Apple Tree

Longtime San Franciscan and Cabaret Gold Award winner Tom Andersen, who left the City for the more lucrative pastures of New York, received the MAC (Manhattan Association of Cabarets) award March 22 for the best New York debut of 1992. (Nancy LaMott, former bright light on our cabaret scene, picked up the MAC award for best female vocalist.) Earlier this month Andersen also received the Bistro Award, presented by *Backstage* newspaper, for outstanding vocalist of 1992. (Ann Tofflemire, a recent transplant to Manhattan, was also a recipient of the Bistro award.)

Among Andersen's various gigs during the past year were a one-man concert at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall—at which Sondheim went backstage to congratulate him—and the opening act for the late Sylvia Syms at the Ballroom.

Weslia Whitfield, who prefers to live in San Francisco, though her gigs are taking her farther afield, is currently making her Manhattan debut at the Algonquin's famed Oak Room. ✿

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"Mad Forest" Tops 1992 Critics Circle Nominations

Caryl Churchill's stark dramatization of two families caught in the 1989 Romanian revolution, *Mad Forest* led Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle voting with ten nominations for outstanding dramatic production in 1992. *Pre-Game,* an original script co-produced by the Climate Theatre and Punch and Crunch Productions, picked up eight nominations and ACT's *Miss Evers' Boys* followed with seven.

In the entire production category, Theatre Rhinoceros is represented with two nominations, *Wild Blue* and *Bent.* Artistic director Adele Prandini is nominated as director of *Wild Blue,* and the production is also nominated in the ensemble performance category.

Michele Fisher's *Four Play,* an independent production that played the Rhino Studio, was nominated in the original script category and Caroline Gregory won a bid for outstanding supporting performance in the same production. Jeff Thompson and Joseph Leonardi's comedy hit, *One of These Days,* which was produced at Josie's Cabaret, also picked up a nomination for original script.

In the solo performance category, Marga Gomez's *Memory Tricks* competes against eight other nominees, including Justin Bond's *Dixie McCall's Patterns for Living.*

The awards ceremony will also feature musical numbers from six nominated shows including *Cole!, My Fair Lady, Me and My Girl, You're Gonna Love Tomorrow, AfterShocks* and *Woody Guthrie's American Song.*

Winners will be announced at the 16th annual awards gala on Monday, April 19, at the GiftCenter Pavilion. Twenty-four Critics Circle members made nominations in 18 categories, including directing, sets, costumes, lights and sound design from a total of 155 Bay Area productions.

Sarah Brightman and Barrie Ingham as Rose and Uncle George.

Aspects of Love

Reviewed by Scott Cady

Aspects of Love is the latest from the prolific pen of Andrew Lloyd Webber, composer of such mega-hits as *Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita* and *Cats.* Currently playing at the Curran—newly restored to its original color scheme and embellishments—this intimate and somewhat less popular musical is the first in a Best of Broadway season that promises *Falsettos, Secret Garden* and the long-awaited Webber bookend *Phantom of the Opera.*

With its simplified road-show set of sheer drapery and sparse but handsome pale wood furniture, the musical is proof that Webber doesn't have to rely on high-tech sensory bombardments to showcase his talent. While his characterizations may lack the psychological complexities of a Sondheim libretto (there *are* plot similarities to *A Little Night Music*), the potential for drama is there. As adapted from David Garnett's novel, Webber's book occasionally suffers from an operatic format that tends to overwhelm the intimate scope of the relationships.

Opening with an impressive, flare-lit funeral, the plot spans 17 years, reflecting the Bloomsbury arts movement of the 1950s and '60s, and moves between a villa in the south of France and one in Venice. Alex (Ron Bohmer), a handsome teenager, meets young actress Rose Vibert (Sarah Brightman), falls for her and whisks her off for a fortnight to his uncle's villa. Love blossoms until worldly Uncle George himself (Barrie Ingham) arrives on the scene. Though he is much Rose's senior, he diverts her affection. She breaks off with Alex and returns to the theater.

Two years later Alex pays a visit to his uncle and is dismayed to find Rose installed as mistress of the villa. The inevitable confrontation results in George's agreeing that Rose and Alex belong to each other, and he beats a retreat to Venice to resume an old affair with sculptress Giulietta (Kelli James Chase). Rose again rejects Alex, follows George to Venice to confront Giulietta and finds herself romantically drawn to her rival. A lesbian liaison is suggested but not pursued. Rose proposes to George and the two are married.

Twelve years later, army officer Alex comes backstage to congratulate Rose on her Paris debut, learns that she and George have a 13-year-old daughter, Jenny, and agrees to visit them. On-again, off-again guests at the villa also include Giulietta, Rose's current lover, Hugo, and Rose's manager, Marcel.

To the dismay of her parents, Jenny falls for Alex and he adores his little cousin. A couple of years pass and Alex, seeing Jenny mature, is now swept up in her passionate but unrequited feelings for him. Attempting to put her off with the reminder that they are cousins and that she is only 15, he is pointedly reminded that he was only 17 when he met her mother. But time, as well as love, changes everything, and the quintet, decimated by a death, dissolves. Rose's "Anything But Lonely," an exquisite but futile plea to George, closes the circle.

"Love Changes Everything," the opening and best-known number of the musical, acts as a leitmotif and, with few exceptions, the music never wanders far from this theme. For the most part, Don Black and Charles Hart's lyrics are little more than serviceable. Two soaring melodies, "Chanson D'Enfance," which Rose sings in the first act and Jenny reprises in the second, and Giulietta's duet with Rose, "There Is More to Love," add much-needed relief from the dominant musical theme.

Bohmer was especially fine once he had outgrown his petulant teenage phase and the ravishing Brightman brought considerable depth to her role of budding actress merging into middle age. The 13-year-old Jenny (Maryke Hendrikse) disappears through the billowing curtains and three seconds later reappears as the 15-year-old Jenny (Dana Lynn Caruso). Much of the second act is devoted to her less interesting involvement with Alex and includes a noisy production number at a circus that does little to advance the plot or the composer's musical ideas. (A post-funeral tango late in the act features much foot stamping and serves little purpose except as a concession to a choreographer.)

Despite the repetitive musical ideas, Webber does excel at creating an occasional breathtaking melody that more than once takes the form of a duet and, in one instance, a Bach-like quartet canon, revealing a study of Bach's amazingly intricate compositional genius. Though the entire ensemble sang with vibrance and the leads were especially exhilarating, their voices were too often covered with an excess of reverb. The over-miking distracted from the vocal subtlety called

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for in some of the more intimate scenes.

Not the usual pull-out-all-the-stops Andrew Lloyd Webber rock-oriented blockbuster, this is a first-rate chamber musical that offers fine production values and, if no real emotional involvement, excellent singing.

Aspects of Love continues at the Curran Theatre through April 25. Call 776-1999. ✿

Theater Briefs

VISTA POINT

Marin Theatre Lab, the new play production wing of Theatre Artists of Marin, is currently presenting *Vista Point,* by Charles Brousse. Virginia Abascal directs.

In a format closely following Tennessee Williams' *Glass Menagerie,* the narrator Sonny (Michael Mooers) returns to his family grape ranch somewhere near Fresno. After Peace Corps duty in Africa, he is looking forward to a newspaper job and a possible novel. He is welcomed by sister Katrina (Anne McAdams) and his high school teacher and new stepmother Judith (Phoebe Moyer), and less warmly by older brother and hell-raiser Butch (David Chase).

A long first act of exposition sets the scene for an explosive second act dilemma after Butch has lead a bunch of his cronies on a late night harassment raid on a squatting Vietnamese family that results in the gang rape of a teenage girl.

Italian patriarch Frank (Gerald Ambinder) sets up a complex defense lie to salvage the family's good name while Judith, Katrina and Sonny hold out for the moral solution. Butch's decision is not an unexpected one.

Sonny tells us in an epilogue what happens to everyone, but this Victorian novel device simply prolongs a play that has already ended. Less exposition, faster pacing and stronger characterizations for the two women would have helped create more onstage tension, in view of the fact that the real action mercifully happens offstage.

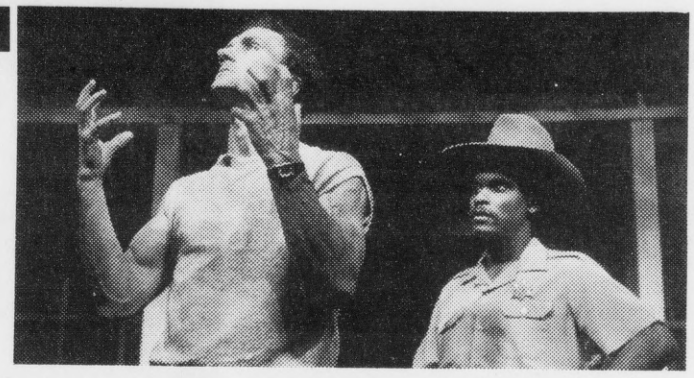


Photo by Walter Klink

David Chase and Clyde Bell in "Vista Point."

The fine set, a farmhouse in the vineyards, is by Ken Rowland.

Vista Point continues through April 17 at Theatre Artists of Marin. Call 454-6056.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

The recent Peninsula Center Stage production of the Webber/Rice musical *Jesus Christ Superstar* was noteworthy for several reasons. First, several of the leading roles were taken by singers familiar to the San Francisco cabaret and musical comedy scene.

Belle Collins (Katie Belle Collins) played Mary Magdalene. Attired as the madam of a Victorian bawdy house, Belle looked terrific and sang beautifully. This is the first time I've seen her in a full production and she is an impressive presence onstage. Vocally moving and dramatically assured, she is obviously ready for "big time" roles.

Mark Rubnitz played the sensitive, political scapegoat Jesus but failed to project vocally the commanding aura that would have set him apart from the masses. Joseph Taro, especially well-known on the local cabaret circuit, was a superb Pontius Pilate. He revealed an innate dramatic flair and is singing better than ever. It's the best thing he's done.

Tony Stroh was an apostle and Michael Ward was an apostle, soldier and dancer. Scott R. McKenzie was both director and musical director and Danny Duncan choreographed the large cast.

The concept itself offered a unique challenge to the audience. From an abstract, multi-level set with some excellent and provocative projections, the drama moved from Jerusalem to a bewigged 15th-century French court (representing the reigning Jewish hierarchy in Jerusalem) to an interview with Herod (now a Nazi officer who strips in a delightful Dietrich parody) to Mary Magdalene's turn-of-the-century bordello. And unless my eyes deceived me, there was a cowboy dancing in the ensemble.

Moving forward and backward in place and time brought a fresh and intellectual concept to this popular musical by asking once more, what if Jesus arrived in a different time and in a different place?

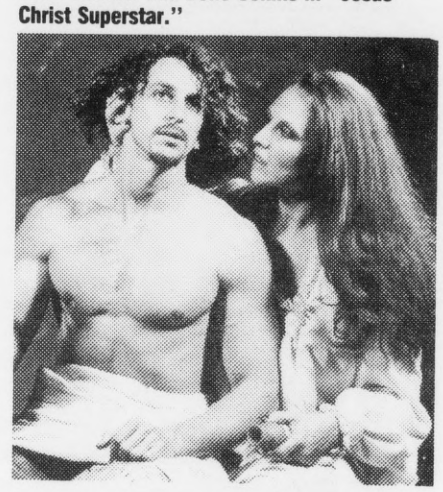
That final brief scene of crucifixion was again, as always, an emotional stunner.

MEA CULPA, CHUCK CONNORS

Conceived, directed by and starring Charles Dean, *Mea Culpa, Chuck Connors* was presented in the intimate confines of the Berkeley City Club drawing room that is presently the home of the Aurora Theatre Company. For the past 16 years Dean has served as one of the Berkeley Repertory's most valued and versatile performers.

In this brief evening of autobiographical monologue, he takes us from early Southern California boyhood to his first acting job with a rep company in Utah, embroidering his love of theater with anecdotes of his fascination with Chuck Conners of *Rifleman* fame, and brief impressions of Elvis Presley, Peter Lorre, Burt Lancaster, and an Irish priest under whom he served as an altar boy. Now and then Dean halted his memory trek to consult both a Webster's and an Ambrose Bierce *Devil's Dictionary* to define such theatrical terms as "audience," "actor," "comedy" and "aesthetic distance." Such digressions might better serve as the "donut" to frame his recollections.

Meandering and pleasant at best, at this stage *Mea Culpa* probably requires a fresh director's eye and a more structure-minded writer to bring it into focus. In its present shape the performance piece can only hold the interest of an audience already familiar with Dean and his body of work. ✿



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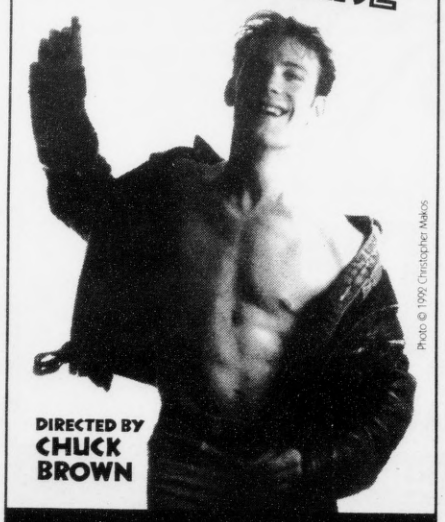

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Brave Smiles... another lesbian tragedy

Reviewed by Val C. Phoenix

Two breasts, eight dead bodies, more laughs than you can count. The Five Lesbian Brothers exact a heavy toll in this theatrical pillaging of lesbian stereotypes. *Brave Smiles*, the second work the New York-based troupe has brought through SF, maintains all the exuberance and derring-do of *Voyage to Lesbos* (albeit with less sex) but adds a new bittersweet undercurrent.

This time out, the fivesome take on multiple characterizations over two acts that move from the 1920s to 1971. The first act is set entirely at the Tilue-Pussenheimer Academy "somewhere in Europe," where the headmistress, Frau von Pussenheimer, (Dominique Dibbell) takes just a bit too keen an interest in her "tender young buds."

The orphan girls, among them the brash Damwell (Lisa Kron) and the self-flagellating Millicent (Babs Davy), are all nervous tics and emerging hormones, competing for the attentions of sultry Miss Phillips (Peg Healey), who takes a special liking to Thalia, the new girl (Mo Angelos). Eventually, after a few catastrophes, the girls go their separate ways, to meet again in Act II.

Here, the pacing changes completely, as short blackout scenes shift locales from Europe to the United States, all under the guise of tracing the orphans' fates, with the backdrop of World War II providing heroic opportunities and convenient deaths for a few of them. Yes, deaths. This is a lesbian *tragedy*, after all, and if you've watched enough bad movies, plays and TV shows, you know that "lesbian" and "tragedy" are pretty much synonymous.

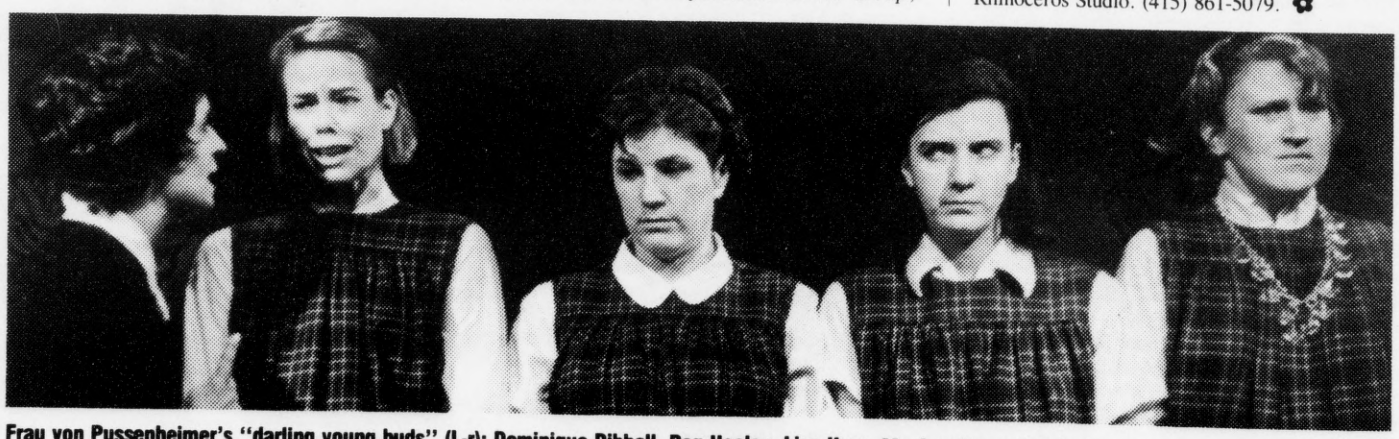
Hence, the dashing aviator's plane crashes, the cabaret singer gets flattened by a truck, and so on. It's all played for laughs, but by night's end, I was left thinking, "Oh, my God," since just about everyone ends up dead. This of course is the whole point.

Showing impeccable taste, the Brothers have raided such lesbian mythmakers as *The Group*, *Maedchen in Uniform*, and *The Children's Hour* for their plot devices, and in some cases, dialogue. Nonetheless, one needn't be intimately familiar with the works to get the humor, particularly with their broad comedy style.

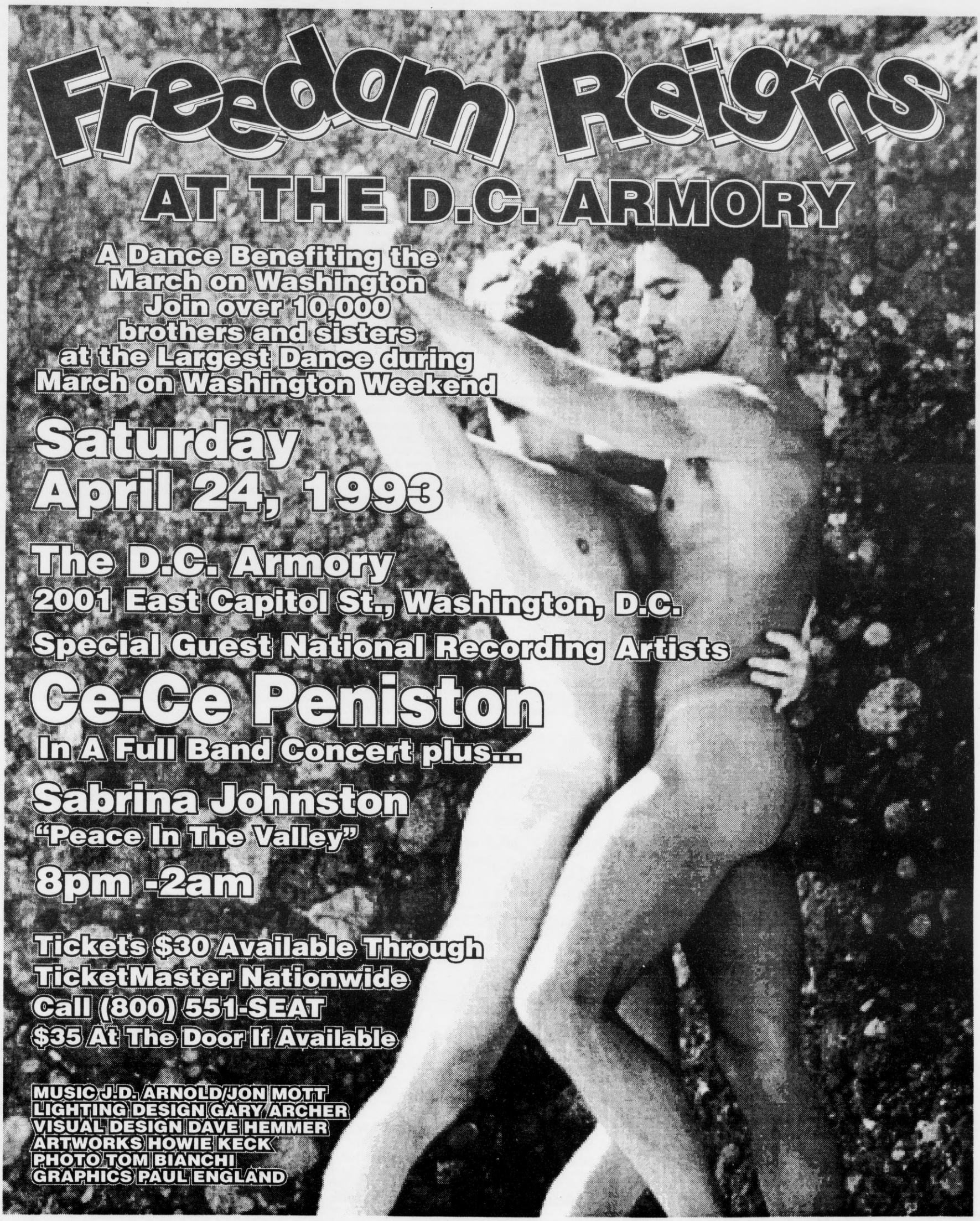
Director Kate Stafford keeps the fivesome hopping. At one point, Dibbell, as the orphan Will, exits one side of the stage, only to emerge moments later on the other side as the headmistress. Whew. It's easy to forget there are only five players in this triumph of low budget theatre. Not only do the actresses play as many as five characters each, but there are a number of comical uses of scenery. In one scene, Healey portrays the aviator Babe, Babe's plane, and Babe's faithful dog Nipper all at the same time.

The Brothers are fine enough actresses that they can imbue their sketchy characters with enough compassion to draw in the audience before lightening things with a joke. Expert timing combined with a smart, acerbic script makes for a bittersweet experience. Make no mistake: the show is flat-out funny, but it gets you thinking all the same.

Brave Smiles continues through April 11 at Theatre Rhinoceros Studio. (415) 861-5079. ✿



Frau von Pussenheimer's "darling young buds" (L-r): Dominique Dibbell, Peg Healey, Lisa Kron, Mo Angelos and Babs Davy. Photo by Dona Ann McAdams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food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

Atmosphere Is Tops at Superb New Eatery

In yet another ploy to capitalize on the Amy Fisher madness, **Mangiafuoco,** a wonderful neighborhood Italian eatery, opened in mid-April. Chef/owner Giancarlo Bortolotti designed this little brother to his six-year-old **La Pergola** on Chestnut Street with Pinocchio in mind. No kidding. Evidently the *mangiafuoco* or fire-eater plays a role in the story of the marionette come to life, the vision of the lonely puppetmaker Gepetto.

If you asked me what I like most about Mangiafuoco, it would have to be the atmosphere. Ochre and soft green walls, a rustic wooden floor, and whimsically hand-painted tables serve as a backdrop for the simple, attractive plates of food. From the entranceway guarded by a bulky woodpile to the completely open kitchen with sparkling steel appliances, servers clad in white scurry around the small dining room, which seats 44 with six stools at a counter. Sexy paintings in an early cubist-cum-Renaissance style adorn the walls, and ultra-modern halogen light fixtures provide a romantic tabletop glow. Modern Italian music plays and is a welcome change from that tired Italian tape we heard at Prego in the early '80s and have heard again and again ever since.

A middle-of-the-road sourdough bread (neither hearty and coarse nor light and airy) and very green, fragrant olive oil were brought to the table to enjoy before our appetizers. A sparse assortment of grilled vegetables, the **Grigliata** ($5.50) included strips of roasted red and yellow peppers, grilled eggplant and zucchini and braised radicchio dressed lightly with anchovy-tinged balsamic vinegar. The **Timballo** ($5.50) was a tender, breaded eggplant layered with yellow squash and melting mozzarella cheese, topped with a complex, first-rate marinara sauce.

The house salad or **Mangiafuoco** ($3.50) brought a small bowl with a lovely mix of radicchio, arugula, red mustard and other greens underdressed in a nondescript vinaigrette. Another **Mangiafuoco** ($8.50), this one listed under the grilled items, consisted of three rather thick slices of grilled bread topped with grilled cheeses: asiago, mozzarella and provolone. This dish would be better if the cheeses were grilled to order, and were therefore still soft, and if the bread were more thinly sliced, for easier eating.

Pastas are homemade and cooked to a perfect *al dente*, with just the slightest bite before the dough melts away. The **Mezzaluna** ($10) are half-moons stuffed with bass and herbs in aurora sauce, a tangy fresh tomato sauce with a touch of cream. The smooth, delicate filling paired wonderfully with this light, delectable sauce. The **Ravioli** ($9.50) tasted sweet and luscious, with ricotta-and-spinach-stuffed squares tossed in a light cream sauce. Unfortunately, our server confused the salt and pepper grinders, and our ravioli were graced with a grinding of salt, where the dish clearly called for pepper.

Another reference to *fuoco* is the wood-fired grill, which suffuses the entire restaurant with a warm, smoky smell. A third of the offerings here are grilled. The **Trota** ($11.50), a grilled marinated trout, flawlessly combined smokiness/sweetness; the fish was succulent and just underdone, the way I like it, and adorned with a salsa verde of parsley and pungent garlic. A pile of buttery chard, carrots, zucchini and grilled asparagus completed the plate. For the **Agnello** ($11.50), three well-seasoned, thin Sonoma lamb chops, grilled a perfect medium rare, were napped in a light rosemary demi-glace and accompanied with the same fresh vegetables as the trout.

The essential **Tiramisu** of espresso-soaked ladyfingers, mascarpone and chocolate had a rich coffee taste and smooth texture, but was oddly served on a drizzle of superfluous strawberry sauce. And the **Apple Tart**, with a sharp, golden raisin-studded filling, had a flaccid crust. Desserts are $4. At least coffee, from the sleek espresso maker in full view, comes from Graffeo, and couldn't be better. An intelligent wine list includes mostly Italian selections with some in-the-know California wines and prices to meet every budget. The house **Chianti Baroncini '91** had a warm, toasty scent that worked well with everything from the grilled cheese to the lamb.

The menu is a collection of Bortolotti's standards. You'll find no earth-shattering dishes here, but tried and true basic modern Italian fare, with a Northern slant. The menu descriptions and titles are tempting, and, generally, come off without a flaw, but probably could be more exciting. Priced reasonably, the food was interesting enough to warrant return trips, and several of the dishes were superb.

Around Town...

The Old Clamhouse, out on Bayshore Blvd., is a San Francisco institution. Since 1861, the place has been serving the stuff we're known for across the country: chunks of crusty sourdough bread (not the best, though), steaming bowls of tomatoey cioppino, and Anchor Steam beer. You can hear the fog horns blow as you bite into a combination plate of fried seafood, or a richly fantastic open-faced sandwich of crab meat, cheese and hollandaise sauce. A great spot for lunch, but somewhat expensive.

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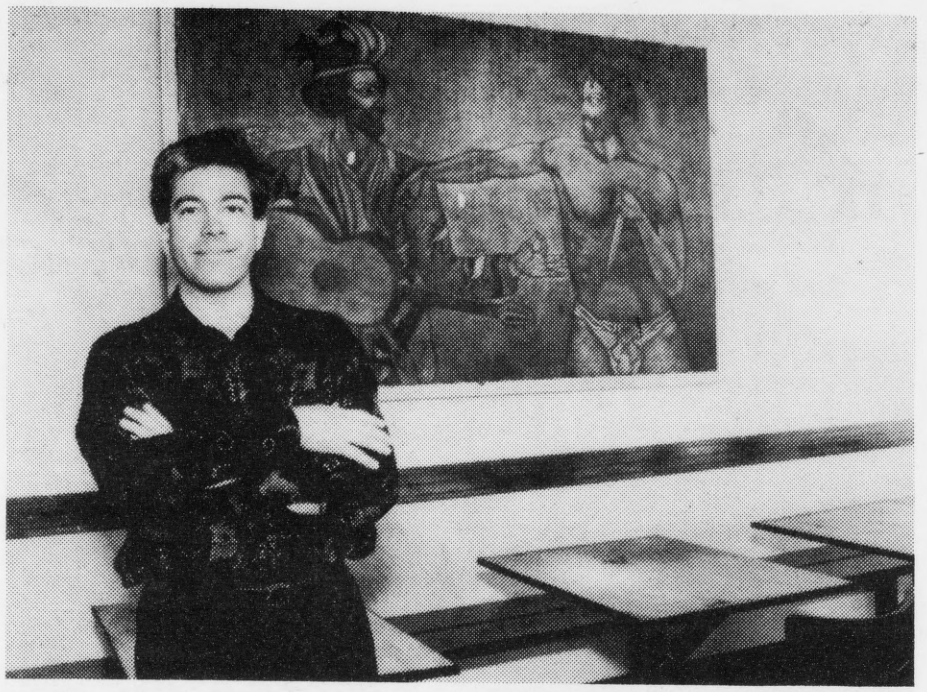

Manuel San Roman, manager of Mangiafuoco, in the restaurant's stylish dining area.

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travel

Gays and the Ashland Shakespeare Festival

by Tom W. Kelly

Opening soon at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) in Ashland, Ore., are several plays of special interest to gays and lesbians. Hardly confined to the "forsooths" and "whither wander ye's" of the Immortal Bard, new artistic director Henry Woronicz stated in a recent press conference that OSF is committed to recognizing, appreciating and celebrating "what it means to be a human being interacting with other human beings on this planet." And that definitely includes the gay and lesbian community.

Established in 1935, the Oregon Shakespeare Festival is among the oldest and largest professional regional theater companies in the United States, with an annual operating budget of $12.1 million! During the Helms censorship controversy, OSF rejected an NEA grant of $49,500, and also publicly denounced Oregon's recent homophobic Measure 9. Annually in mid-August they sponsor a night of spectacle and performance called the Daedalus Project, which is "OSF's fund-raising and cultural event benefitting AIDS treatment and services."

Two upcoming plays directly involve the gay community. On April 16, *Lips Together, Teeth Apart* by Terrence McNally begins a four-month run (closing Sept. 12) in the spacious Angus Bowmer Theatre. "Two straight couples spend Fourth of July weekend in the Fire Island beach house bequeathed to one of the women by her brother dead of complications from AIDS."

On May 19, *Baltimore Waltz* by Paula Vogel begins a six-month run (closing Oct. 31) in the intimate Black Swan Theatre. *Waltz* "illuminates the confusion, misinformation, and yearning that people with AIDS and their families often encounter in their struggle to understand the illness and their own fragile mortality."

Also appearing this season is an adaptation of Pierre Corneille's 17th century French comedy, *The Illusion*, by mega-celebrity, gay playwright Tony Kushner (author of the international hit *Angels in America*). Opening July 28 in the Angus Bowmer Theatre, *The Illusion* plays until Oct. 30.

The 1200-seat Allen Pavilion of the Elizabethan Theatre at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Photo by Christopher Briscoe

The presence of women playwrights and directors has increased. The mainstage season includes work by Paula Vogel and Caryl Churchill, with women directing three productions. And three of the five plays in the development series are by women writers.

Though gay characters are relegated to offstage or abstract presences (*Baltimore Waltz* turns the gender tables in a bizarre, you-gotta-see-it-to-understand-it way), OSF is making definite progress. Ticket prices range from $16-24. Call (503) 482-4331, Tuesday through Sunday, for reservations.

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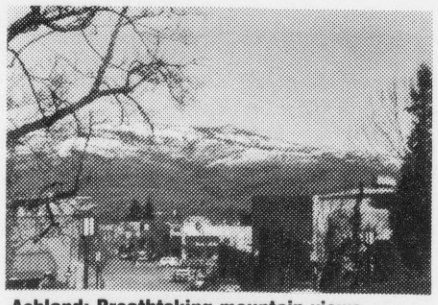

Ashland: Breathtaking mountain views. Photo by Tom W. Kelly

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There is also the **Gay & Lesbian Hotline**, (503) 773-8146, 7 pm-11 pm, seven days a week; the answering service will patch through.

TRANSPORTATION

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If you'd rather fly, United Airlines services Medford Airport (15 miles from Ashland). From there, rent a car or take the Cascade Airport Shuttle at $8.00/person with a 2 fare mininum; for advance reservations call (503) 547-9308; or take Yellow Cab Shuttle with the "guaranteed lowest shuttle rates," (503) 772-6288, 482-3065; or take mass transit, Rogue Valley Transit District (RVTD).

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books

James Dean: Little Boy Lost An Intimate Biography

by Joe Hyams with Jay Hyams
Warner Books, 1992, $21.95

Reviewed by Michael Ward

What becomes a legend most? Insomnia, raw sexuality, aggravating work habits, ingratitude, suicidal tendencies, and amoral opportunism in the case of James Dean, as reported in *James Dean, Little Boy Lost*, an intimate biography by Joe Hyams with Jay Hyams.

Hyams' in-depth look at one of America's greatest icons is insightful and informative without being exploitative, a refreshing take in the world of abrasive and abusive celebrity journalism.

Dean with Julie Harris and Dick Davalos on the set of "East of Eden."

Writing in an adroit style, Hyams seizes the essence of a seemingly unseizable young man. Dean trusted him implicitly, even though Hyams was a journalist with the *New York Herald Tribune*—and Dean didn't usually trust those associated with the press. Hyams' tales are corroborated by several people, lending an air of truth to what he says. With the exception of a few short moments of self-indulgence on Hyams' part, he has brought the spotlight up nicely on Dean's life.

Sexuality was an unrefined and undefined realm for Dean, and Hyams handles Dean's sexual ambivalence in a positive manner. He neither comments nor crusades, but simply reports the facts, allowing the readers to form their own opinions. From Dean's multiple affairs with young men and women, stars and starlets and an heiress (Barbara Hutton of Woolworth fame and fortune), he never struggled with a sexual label for himself. As Jonathan Gilmore, a former lover of Dean's states, "Jimmy was neither homosexual nor bisexual. I think he was multisexual."

Dean boosted his career with an affair with Rogers Brackett, an advertising executive with industry connections. In addition to pulling strings to land him jobs in radio, televisions and film, Brackett provided a place to stay and cash to spend. Hyams learned of Dean's affair with Brackett through a conversation with Arlene Sachs, one of Dean's girlfriends:

> Arlene heard the actor discuss his sex life and then say to Jimmy, "But I really want to cock you." When Arlene asked Jimmy what the actor meant by that, Jimmy replied, "You're too young to understand." Arlene began to understand a few days later when Jimmy came into her apartment complaining, "Oh, God, my ass hurts....It was Rogers, I shouldn't have been with Rogers."

Years later, when Dean was beginning to ride the wave of success from his electrifying performance in *East of Eden*, Brackett asked Dean if he could borrow money to pay his rent, as Brackett had just been fired from his job. Dean eventually refused him, first saying if Brackett signed a loan repayment agreement and put up some col-

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lateral, he would do so. Brackett reminded him of all the help Dean received from him before his rise to stardom. And Dean reminded him that that was in the past, and besides, he was tired of Brackett and his "fairy friends."

Little Boy Lost is a comprehensive guide to Dean's life, starting with his childhood in Indiana and including the loss of his mother at an early age, which caused him recurring insomnia, as he was haunted by her in his dreams. Also, tidbits and insights of the foundation if his pre-celebrity status are found throughout, such as his stunning performance in his first Broadway play, *See the Jaguar*, which closed after only five performances, yet garnered great reviews for him.

Dean's second and final Broadway play, *The Immoralist*, cast him as a conniving young homosexual which, after reading this book, doesn't seem like much of a stretch. In a review written about his performance, his portrayal of "sleazy impertinence and amoral opportunism" was hailed. Having had more than his fair share of run-ins with the director and occasionally with fellow cast members (a pattern found throughout his career), Dean gave two weeks' notice after the director hassled him for his curtain call, done "in character" according to Dean, with a curtsy instead of a bow. Geraldine Page, one of the stars of the production, berated the director, saying, "How can you let pure gold walk out on you like that?"

Dean's temperament and work habits were not his only trademarks. His attraction to fast driving and thrill-seeking, whether it was on two or four wheels, became his calling cards. Those brave or unenlightened enough to accept his invitation for a ride soon saw their lives flashing before their eyes. When asked why he was so suicidal with his driving habits he replied, "Death is always there and I want to conquer it."

In the end, however, death conquered Jimmy Dean at the age of 24 in a fatal auto accident outside of Paso Robles, as Dean sped on his way toward a car race in Salinas.

> Jimmy shouted to his friends, "Nonstop to Paso Robles!" It was nearing 5:30, and the setting sun was shining directly into his eyes as Jimmy approached the Y intersection of Routes 466 and 41 east of Cholame at the point where the highway splits... John R. White... was driving with his wife on the highway when Jimmy passed him at a speed... possibly as much as 110. White also noticed a... Ford sedan some distance ahead preparing to turn... in front of the speeding car. Certain there was going to be a collision, he said to his wife, "Watch this." Donald Gene Turnupseed... saw James Dean's Spyder racing toward him.... He slammed on the brake pedal. The rear wheels locked and the Ford slid 30 feet. John White watched in horror as the Spyder swerved.... Then the two cars hit. Turnupseed survived the collision dazed and bruised. The occupants of the Porsche were not so lucky.

Hyams follows this tragic chapter ("The Last Race") with "The Impact." Scripted in an episodic, "cut-to..." style, Hyams shows, in several scenes, the impact of the crash on several people in Dean's circle simultaneously. The style proves very effective, creating visual glimpses of emotionally charged moments among Dean's family and friends.

For die-hard Dean fans, the book is a must-buy. For those not familiar with the man, Hyams paints what reads as a fair—though not always favorable—portrait of the man who became the legend.

The Day They Put a Tax on Rainbows and Other Stories

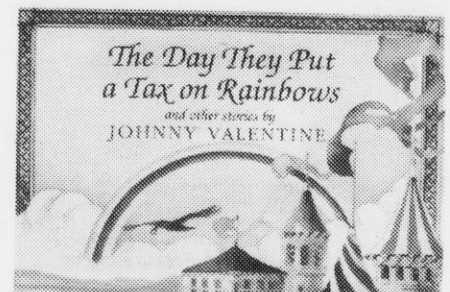
by Johnny Valentine; illustrations by Lynette Schmidt
Alyson Wonderland, $12.95

Reviewed by Katherine Gleason

Following the success of their Lammy-winning *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans*, this author-illustrator duo is at it again. *The Day They Put a Tax on Rainbows* contains three original fairy tales about children from non-traditional families.

In "The Ring of Consequence," 13-year-old Clara is given a magic ring by her gay father. Years later the ring saves her life by enabling her to breathe underwater. Then, again with the aid of the ring, she rescues her merman father-in-law.

"The Three Gifts" centers around three brothers, apparently of varying ethnic backgrounds, each of whom possesses a special talent. The three boys leave the home of their two fathers in search of a treasure. Along the way each boy uses his own gift to further the group's progress. In the end, predictably, the boys attain the riches they sought.



In "The Day They Put a Tax on Rainbows," a grumpy king tries to relieve his boredom by upgrading his possessions and surroundings. To finance these improvements he levies several new taxes including one on rainbows. The tax and the discontent of the populace keep rainbows from appearing in the kingdom. Peter, a lover of rainbows who lives with his two mothers, makes his entrance one-third of the way through the story. He comes up with a plan to cause the king to repeal the rainbow tax.

While these stories are admirable for their depiction of gay and lesbian families, they are flawed. Peter, the hero of "Tax on Rainbows," could have appeared earlier in the story. "Three Gifts" contains no surprises. And "The Ring of Consequence" seems to cover a very long span of time. Overall, these tales seem less sharp and breezy than those that made up *The Duke Who Outlawed Jelly Beans.*

Finally, there are certain conventions in children's books. Some of these, the relative invisibility of gay characters for instance, are detrimental to all children. Some other conventions, however, have developed for good reasons. Traditionally, a picture book has few words on a page. The way this particular book is designed, a child would have a great deal of difficulty reading it. There is not enough white space between lines for a 7-year-old to follow the print. With this crowding of the text you get more story for your money, but this comes at the expense of accessibility. In addition, the use of full-color art mixed with black and white illustrations in the same story—another cost-cutting measure—interrupts the flow of the narrative.

We need more books for children in gay and lesbian families. This new addition is welcome, but I wish we had the resources to produce children's books of higher caliber. Our kids deserve better. ✿

interview

Queer and Pleasant: An Interview With Louise Rafkin

by Victoria A. Brownworth

Writing, martial arts, tortoises and women. These are the varied passions of Louise Rafkin, the key elements of her life. Her new collection, *Queer and Pleasant Danger: Writing Out My Life* (Cleis Press), manages to combine all these elements.

Rafkin's latest book is the first she has written herself. Known as the editor of the award-winning *Different Mothers: Sons and Daughters of Lesbians Talk About Their Lives* and *Different Daughters: A Book by Mothers of Lesbians,* Rafkin has focused her attention on collections about queer families, but also writes commentary for several queer newspapers around the country. Some of that commentary comprises the second half of her latest book.

"I wanted to do a collection of what I thought was my best work over the last ten years," says Rafkin. "It's very different from the anthologies I did on families. Those books were very much mine because I conceived the ideas and nurtured the writing along. But this book talks about *my*

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life and what I think about. This stuff is really dear to me. It's about my queer life and my writing life."

Rafkin does point out that neither the stories nor the essays wholly focus on queer life, however, and makes no apology for that fact.

"This book is about the wholeness of who I am," she says. "I have had some straight relationships, I have straight friends, I have worked with straight people. And then there are also a lot of gay people in my life. And I really believe that the whole idea of *community* has to do with making bridges between all kinds of people."

Issues and points throughout both stories and essays are a coalescence of Rafkin's own experiences. "I wanted people to be able to read the stories and see points I raised there reflected in the essays," she explains. "I want people to see that this *is* all a continuum. I have known people like the ones in my stories, or some of those people are experiencing things I have experienced. This fiction is very much about real people's lives."

The left plays a key role in Rafkin's book as well, and Rafkin thinks her audience may not be as excited about that fact as she is.

"I think there are a lot of people who would prefer it if I stuck with the family stuff," she says. "And I have no intention of abandoning those people. But I also have things I want to do with my writing. I want to capture elements of queer life that don't get written about, like the alliances between gay men and lesbians or the straight fringe groups like the left. I fall in the middle between all the people I have and love in my life—straight men, straight women, lesbians, gay men, leftists. I come from the left, I love the left, no one really writes about those people, especially not in queer fiction. I know I would sell more books if I wrote a lesbian novel but this is the kind of writing that has the most impact for me right now."

The unusual pairing of short stories and essays in the same collection was Rafkin's idea. "It was a way of selling the stories to people," she says. I *love* the essay form and a lot of people know my essays. But I also have some really great stories that I want people to read."

Rafkin writes in a variety of forms: essays, poems, short stories. She writes book reviews for the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She likes what she terms "cultural reporting. I wish I were not an essayist sometimes," she says. "I don't know if it's that I'm multitalented or just that I lack discipline. I want to write longer works but all these short pieces attract me too."

There is a novel in the works, however, as well as a children's book for Harper Collins about a girl's involvement in martial arts, which Rafkin teaches. She is also trying to market a proposal for a self-defense book for lesbians.

"I really work in two worlds," she says of her writing life and her money-making ventures, like teaching. "I live in Provincetown, which is always thought of as this special queer enclave, but for those of us who *live* here, who aren't tourists, it's very much about queer and straight together. I substitute teach in the elementary and high schools here, and I teach martial arts, so I have a relationship with the straight community. But I am also a lesbian writer and a social lesbian here, so I am very involved in the queer community as well."

Rafkin sees herself as a writer—and a person—who is always straddling two cultures. "I have gotten a lot of recognition from the straight literary community for my writing," she says, commenting on arts grants she has received, "and I *want* that recognition, I *want* to be in that world. But I also want to write about who I am as a lesbian, what our issues are. It is like that in my life here in Provincetown as well. Everybody is out here, so there is a real sense of community. The straight community sees what lesbians and gay men are like up close. These are the people that they work with and live with all year long. So it gives them a real clear sense of who we are. And that is really good, because it means that straight people here see us as people, not as stereotypes. It really breaks down the hatred and homophobia."

What is it like living in one of the few cities in the country with an openly queer population?

"I have a real love/hate relationship with Provincetown," Rafkin admits. "It is great to live in a place where I can really be myself and not have any fear about it. While I've been on my book tour I have really seen the kind of tension that exists in other places. I didn't feel safe. I'm a runner and when I would go out running it would be very tense, very frightening. I don't like feeling that. But here I can leave my door unlocked, I can leave my car unlocked. I'm safe."

Tourism is both fun and a nuisance, however, Rafkin says. "It's a very small community here in the winter time," she says. "You have to be very careful not to make messes in your personal life because wherever you go you will see ex-lovers, lovers of ex-lovers, the whole thing. So you have to be careful how you act. That opens up in the summer when there are so many more gay people here. But then there are problems with that, too."

Being "out" is essential to Rafkin and she believes strongly that it is a moral responsibility all queer Americans have. "How can you ever hope to break down people's misconceptions about who we are if they never know we are there?" she asks. "In Provincetown, because everyone is out, we have a real community of people working together. I'm not saying that there is *no* homophobia, but it is certainly less. But when queer tourists come here they don't understand that we live here all year long with these straight people, that we don't call them names. So they will be screaming names at straight people here, often very unprovoked. Books like (Judith McDaniel's) *Just Say Yes* give people a wrong impression of the town, an us-against-them impression. These books are written by people who don't *live* here. I want to tell these people to go and do that sort of thing where *they* live. Or have the courage to come out where they live. We have a nice balance here."

Provincetown has been Rafkin's home for over three years. She grew up in San Clemente, Calif. She likes the feeling of "being involved with everyone" that she has in Provincetown, and feels it has made her "more sensitive to people who live here, regardless of who they are sexually. One reason I don't like people coming here and being out and queer is because they are out and queer and *obnoxious*. That isn't how we are in the winter here. And what I love about being here is it shows you how being yourself as a lesbian or gay man creates bridges between different cultures. It is so hard to hate people that you like as *people*, rather than 'lesbians' or 'gays.' How can people question and change around homophobia if they never *meet* gay people?"

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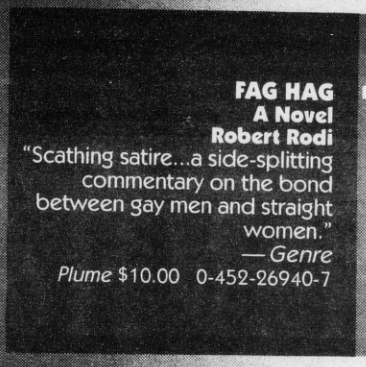

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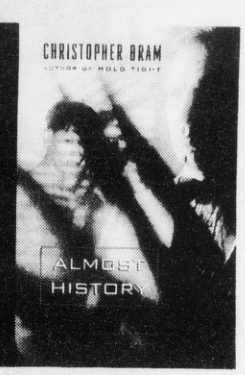

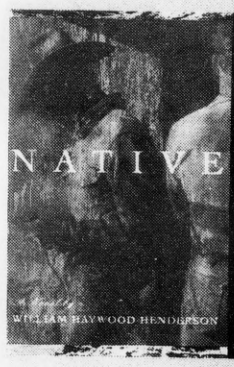

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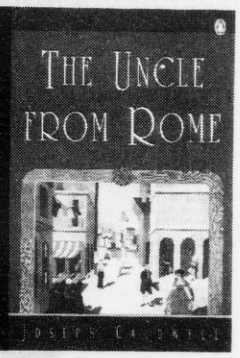

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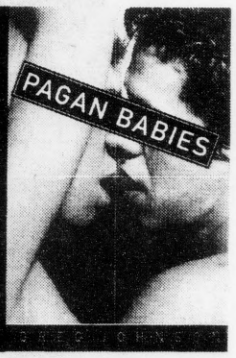

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These are some of the issues that Rafkin wants to continue to address in her essays. "I think that someone like Camille Paglia is very good at self-promotion. So is bell hooks. I think that lesbian culture-watchers can do that same thing. *I'd* like to do that myself. I think it takes confidence to look at your culture—at *our* culture—and deconstruct it. There's a lot of change out here. Young lesbians 18 and 19 years old are really different from how we were at that age. So I want to look at all these areas of our culture and write more about them."

In the meantime, Rafkin is crossing the country on a tour for the new book. In her personal time she continues to study martial arts and—like several of her fictional characters—is trying to save tortoises from extinction. She owns "two teenagers, two 13-year-old tortoises. I love them. I think probably I'll turn into some eccentric turtle-lover some day," she says. "And I wonder what it means that I love something so much that doesn't really respond to me like a dog would, with unconditional love all the time. On the other hand I am trying to make a lot of changes with my life, and I want to help save these turtles that humans are driving to extinction. I guess it's like everything else in my life. I just want to make change." ✿

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Mr. SF Leather '93 Greg Byfield (cntr), with runners-up Richard Faust (r) and Steve Kajikawa. Photo by St. Clair

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Leather Family

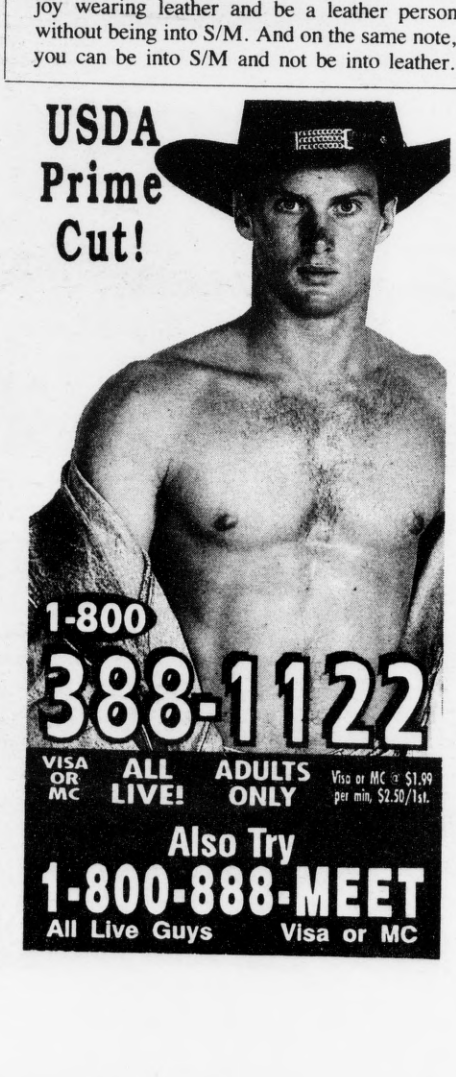
What is the Leather Family? This is a question that can not be answered easily, but I will tell you what this group means to me. Some people have a preconceived notion that all those who are "into leather" are deviant sexual perverts. This is far from the truth when it comes to the real lives of leather men and women. As in any group, you have most good and some bad. To dispel one of the biggest myths, leather and S/M are not synonymous. You can enjoy wearing leather and be a leather person without being into S/M. And on the same note, you can be into S/M and not be into leather. Leather may look erotic and is used in sexual activities by leather people, and more often than you think it is used by the plain ordinary common folk. When it comes to the lifestyle and family of leather, there is a completely different reason why people wear their leathers.

The Leather Family has a code of ethics and a level of responsibility. These ethics are inclusive, nonjudgmental and encourage a person to be who he or she wants to be. That's why I love the Leather Family. The responsibility level is very high. The leather community is the leader in charity fundraising, clean and sober organizing, and education. Caring about someone's safety and well-being even though you just met them seems to be one of the most wondrous of attributes.

There are many different reasons why people wear leather: everything from protection and warmth when riding a motorcycle to image, fetish, fashion, sex, politics and radicalism. But these reasons do not make someone a part of the leather family. To be family, you must have a code of ethics and you must treat others responsibly. Only then will you be a true Leather Family member.

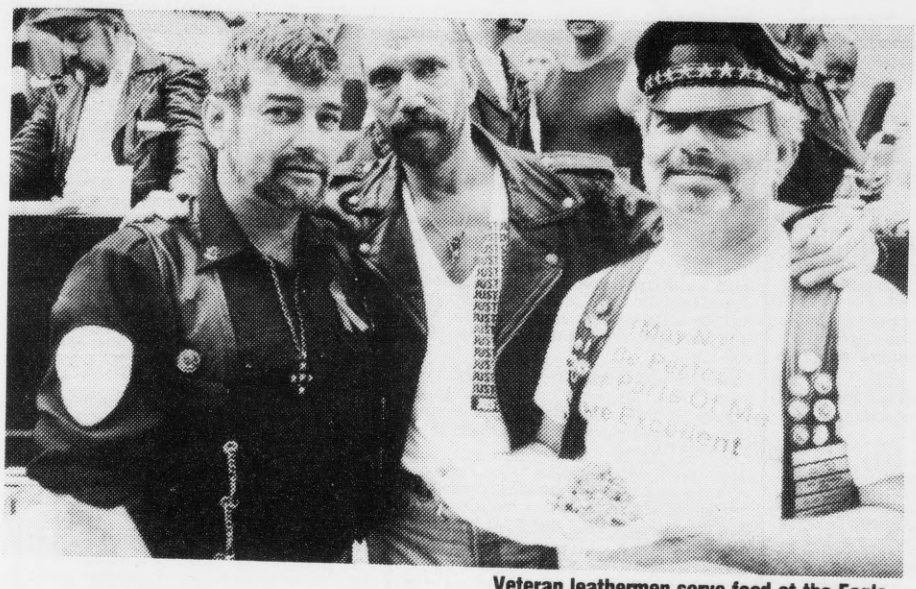
Many factions created the Leather Family. The hard work of the previous leather generation should not go unrecognized, but as a community we must progress and adapt to changing needs.

In a nutshell, my idea of the perfect Leather Family is to have a multicultural, pansexual, united group of people who not only are proud of themselves, but respect the views, beliefs and practices of others. If you are new to the scene, it's important that you learn the history of the leather family. Learning about the past helps you to be proud of who you are, and helps you to understand the pain and struggle that others before you went through to make it possible for you to be a leather person. I will soon be releasing a series on the history of leather. Thanks for being my friend. I love you all.



MR. SF LEATHER

The crowd at the California Club on April 3 was unbelievable. Everyone was packed so tightly that someone needed to sprinkle us with oil so we could move. With the friction of hot bodies rubbing together, the room almost burst into flames. Fantasies from Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93) & BC Cliver (Dyke Daddy I), Brian Dawson (Mr. Drummer 89), and Skeeter (Dyke Daddy II) were the highlights of the show. Co-emcee Tommy Rose was a gas. As usual, his humor lightened up the evening. Emcee Lenny Broberg (IML '92) was ripped to shit by Tommy, but Emerson Briney (Mr. Int'l Drummer '93) really dropped



Veteran leathermen serve food at the Eagle beer bust. Photo by Rink

the bomb on Lenny. Emerson presented him with his IML picture framed and dressed in drag. Also, Vern Stewart fell victim to sharp tongues and bad humor from many people. The Phoenix Uniform Club was hard at work pouring drinks—they are a model club, and I respect their accomplishments. The Golden Gate Guards and the Trusted Servants worked as ushers.

After many fine speeches and the jock strap portions of the contest, judges Brian Dawson, Mr. Marcus, L.B. Gunn, John Hare, Mitch Johnson and Irwin Kane tabulated their final votes. The suspense grew as the crowd awaited the announcement of the winners. Steve Kajikawa was announced as 2nd runner-up, then Rich Faust was selected as 1st runner-up. Greg Byfield (Mr. Jackhammer Leather '93) was victorious and will go on to Chicago, representing San Francisco in IML. Good luck Greg, we are counting on you to bring home another year.

GREAT BUNS CALENDAR

Mr. January '94 was won by Edward Van Campen. Vern Stewart will continue to have a parade of hot buns for your wall. You can see these beauties in person every other Wednesday at the Eagle starting with Mr. March on April 21.

EAGLE BEER BUST

How did the Eagle beer bust get started? Well, once upon a time in a faraway land... Just kidding!!! Maybe so—but it was a long time ago, about ten years to be exact. Dennis Yount and David Stoll started having beer bust parties at the Eagle on Sunday for bike clubs, and it slowly grew into a regular event. After a while it turned into a fundraiser for the clubs. Later on, when the AIDS crisis hit, the beer bust became a fundraiser for charities dealing with the epidemic.

Now many different clubs, charities and associations have a Sunday beer bust to raise money. The beer bust has raised appproximately $5 million over the years, supporting not only the leather community, but many other interests as well. I would like to give a big hand to Terry Thompson (manager) and David Stoll for their many years of work and their generous contributions of time, effort and money—on top of the help during the bust (pouring, food, cash) by the beneficiaries. In no way is it easy on the staff at the Eagle. They must prepare for a very large crowd, and I've never heard them complain about the extra work, which they do without extra pay and deserve recognition for. I am looking forward to the $10 million mark. Thank you, SF Eagle, and patrons.

COMING UP

King of Leather V: Vern Stewart (The King of Leather, Le Roi de Cuir V) will be hosting a video showing of the fifth anniversary gala Leather Coronation on Saturday, April 10, at The Bear, 440 Castro. Join Vern and Bill Gooch (The crown Prince of Leather, Le Dauphin V) for a beer bust from 3-6 pm with only $6 for all you can drink. There will also be a 50/50 raffle, souvenir T-shirts, and video tapes of the coronation on sale.

Underwear Auction: Andy Rose (Mr. SF Eagle Leather '93) is holding a used & abused underwear auction on April 7 at the Eagle from 8-11 pm. The proceeds from the event go to the AEF. Daddy Irwin will co-emcee the beer bust, and you can drink as much as you like for only $6. All the money goes to a good cause, and you're sure to get something you'll enjoy in return. If I heard right, you might even get to take the underwear off the model behind a screen right there on stage. Also, don't miss your chance at the 50/50 raffle.

Easter Party, Sunday, April 11: Paul Maionichi (Mr. South Bay Leather) along with Freda Lay will host a beer/soda/food bust benefitting local charities starting at 3 pm at Greg's Ballroom in San Jose. Bring your "baskets" and bonnets for the contest, and you may win cash and prizes.

Butts To Boot: The Watering Hole is looking for Mr. April for the '94 calendar "Butts To Boot" on Wed., April 14, starting at 9 pm. $100 and other prizes will be given to the winners. Proceeds from the contest will go to the Godfather Service Fund.

Reminder!!! We need as many people as possible to show certain groups within our nation what they are dealing with on April 25. Let's have a million people attend this year's March on Washington—the more the merrier! There's a leather party on Friday, April 23, at the Quorum in D.C.; doors open at 8 pm. A portion of proceeds from this dance will benefit Food for Friends and the International Titleholders' Travel Funds.

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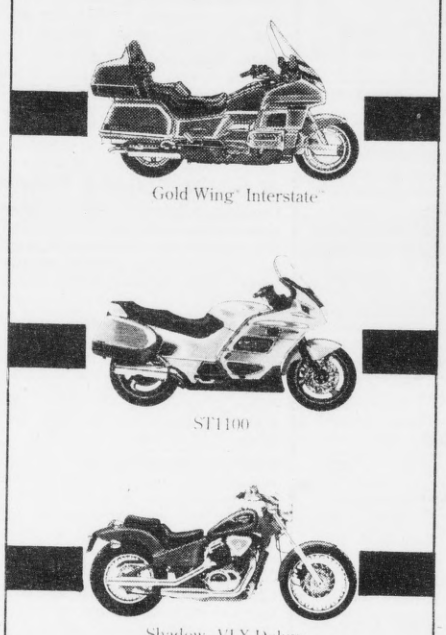

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Porque Non?
Intelligent, cosmopolitan, 50+ woman with culture and humor seeking new single friends (or special friend) who are kind, adult, sexy, mentally healthy, like conversation, music, art, cooking and animals. I am a well-traveled, fit professional with a social conscience. No games or fads. Light smoker. European women particularly encouraged. Reply to Mazel Tov, 1099 Fourth St., #D218, San Rafael 94901 or call ★★5307.

Dear Diary...
I was delighted to pick up the mail today and find the most interesting letter. Its uniqueness called out to me; in fact, it was the only letter to do so. Reading the letter was like receiving a gift of poetry; something that deserves more thought than most. I think I will write her back, and share my "day" as well... Call me for the rest of my fantasy; or write me and let me know yours... My reality is as follows: I'm 32, a womon of color, physically fit & attracted to intelligence, cultural awareness, diversity, sincerity & laughter. Reply BT Box AP1A or call ★★5308.

I Could Have Been...
The one you saw in a crowded bar but were too shy to approach. I could have been the one you noticed in the bookstore, but you turned away when our eyes met. I could have been the one with the cute dog you bent down to pet. This cute, 5'2" butch is seeking a caring femme for romance and a lifetime of love. Let's find out what we can share. Too shy to answer? You'll never know what could have been. Call ★★5309.

They Call Us "Lipstick Lesbians"
Tall, beautiful, vivacious, 30, loves warm weather, sunshine, swimming, laughing, talking, music (En Vogue, Prince, Kate Bush), dancing, popcorn at the movies. Seeking someone like me who is not afraid to express her feminine beauty. (I prefer dark women—Latin, Jewish, Asian, Black, etc.) Would like to meet someone vivacious, intense, honest, funny, spontaneous, affectionate, intelligent, open, loving, mature (and immature too!). Call ★★5310.

Hip Hop Hurray!
Anti-hip hop, rap or Rand B womyn keep your distance. Large sized 25 y.o. African-American lesbian seeks silly, stylie, spontaneous and cynical girls who like to stay up late doing a friend thing or a love thing. Please also be politically awake, thoughtful, honest and compassionate (like me). Extra bonus points if you are a woman of color, full figured and/or from New York. Call ★★5311.

Distinctive & Exceptional
Spring downhill skiing, summer tropical beaches in a bikini, fall operas & cozy winter weekends. Private time, my precious & astute feline companions (dogs: ick!), reading, gardening, bicycling, home renovation, Streisand, Aretha & classical throughout the seasons. 40 this year! I'm tall, slender, attractive, intelligent, playful, serious, strong, vulnerable, independent, emotionally available, financially stable & self-motivated. For what objectivity is worth, my friends say I've forgotten to add "bitch kitty" to my profile. They are ill-bred, vulgar & crass but sometimes amusing. Happy with my life & know myself very well, yet receptive to evolving growth (my friends could use some therapy). I have unequivocal opinions on quality relationships & selective with whom I spend my time. Looking forward to meeting a distinctive & exceptional lesbian-identified woman (40ish). Smoking, substance abuse, roles & S/M are not options. A photo (would be nice), your own personal ad to me along with guessing my sign will be most intriguing. OK, so I'm "straightforward with spirited energy..." I can also be charming, delightful & lots of fun. Reply BT Box AP2A.

Femme Dyke Seeks Playmate
Crazed silly pervert girl/novice bottom loves passion butches dating eating movies fingerpainting spankings the Virgin science fiction creative disobedience. Looking for zany/quiet times, city/country contradictions, hot sex/friendship/witches and anarchists. Passion for a voluptuous curly-haired green-eyed brat a plus! No fatphobes! Call ★★5312.

No! No! You Can't! I Won't!
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I Don't Wash My Dishes
I don't open my mail. I write dirty stories. I don't clean my room. I read dirty stories. I don't put my toys away. I stay up past my bedtime. I read dirty stories on BART. I don't get up when the alarm rings. Sometimes I don't go to work at all. I overdress. I flirt with everyone. So, what are you gonna do, beat me? Call ★★5319.

I'm In The Mood For...
New activities, friends and romance, so why not join this SF GWF (37, 5'8", stocky, athletic, funny, nice) for a motorcycle ride to comedy at Josie's, karaoke singing at the Mint, tennis, golf, art exhibits, sunny days in the park and, when I get another car, day trips north or south or even camping with a fun group of friends (or just us). I'm a stable, ethnical friend and passionate lover when the sparks fly, and would love to inaugurate spring trying new things/sights/activities. I also love photography, learning my computer, cooking, a wide variety of music, and outgoing, fun women, 28-40, who can keep me active, on my toes and laughing. Reply BT Box AP6A or call ★★5320.

Passionate Yet Easy Maui Woman
I'm a professional woman engaged in life and delighted with the drama of it all. Feminine and fit in my early 40s. Seek friend or possible relationship with someone who also enjoys life's dance. Can travel to fog town or you can come to sunny Maui. Drop me a line at PO Box 741, Kihei, HI 96753 or call ★★5321.

Mature Partnership Anyone?
Are you experienced in loving relationships and (dare I say it?) seeking the adventure of a committed partnership? Then call or write this 50+ European and ex-NYC professional artist of independent means. Your interests may differ but a gentle nature, good humor and spiritual aspirations important. A warm welcome for outdoors explorers, animal lovers and creative thinkers. Yet tender embraces, sensual touches and the ability to manage differences of opinion essential eventually. Reply BT Box AP7A or call ★★5322.

My Femme Top
I feel like a flame that touches your fire. I drink in your passion, which is my desire. Seduce me and at your command I will surrender and fear no more. I love you, your butch bottom. Call ★★5323.

I Want
To be wined and dined and taken roughly. I want you to prostrate yourself at my feet in public and make me pay for it in private. I want a generous gentleman butch to pamper me, flatter me, adore me... and in return you'll have my—occasional—absolute surrender. Call ★★5325.

Coffee Time
A youthful, mid-40s, Oakland woman, who enjoys movies, theater, traveling, dining out, outdoor activities and open to new ideas is looking for new friends, possibly more. If interested please call. No alcohol, drugs or smokers. Call ★★5326.

A Lover And A Best Friend
Wanted: A lesbian who is warm, affectionate, communicative, fun, sensitive, trustworthy, self-aware, emotional, involved in personal, spiritual or creative growth. I want to build a long-term monogamous relationship with a nonsmoker over 35. I'm 40, ethnic, passionate, playful, all of the above and more. So call and let's see what's possible for us. Call ★★5327.

I Love Women!
Do you? I'm recently new to SF, via Virgin Islands, and would love to connect w/lesbians who are educated, traveled, healthy and well-rounded, w/a variety of interests. I'm all the above. Reply Box 3027, 220 Montgomery St., SF 94104 or call ★★5328.

Looking For Friends In The East Bay
I'm tired of always going to The City for fun. I'd like to make some friends in the East Bay and explore what it has to offer. I'm 24, fun oriented and enjoy a variety of activities. If you are a fellow EB resident and want to do things closer to home, let's connect. Call ★★5329.

Friends First
Affectionate, honest, optimistic, intelligent, playful, attractive, creative, androgynous, NS, who loves life and a variety of outdoor and indoor activities. Emotionally: "38." Physically: "44." Chronologically: "52." Call ★★5330.

Can We Meet?
Would you like to meet me for a capuccino or a drink at Cafe San Marcos? If so, you'll encounter an attractive Latina woman who is willing to share her Spanish w/anyone interested. I'm petite, in my 30s, androgynous, who is crazy to meet a femme who is outgoing, articulate & passionate for life. Race or age is unimportant. Reply BT Box AP9A or call ★★5331.

Come With Me To Philadelphia
I'm looking for a girlfriend, a strong hippie type, who wants to live with me in Philadelphia & become part of a family with my mom & sister. We will stay with my mom for a while & eventually get our own place nearby. I'm 40 yrs. old, 5'4½", 132 lbs., long blonde hair. I'm into exercise & health foods. Be clean & sober & non-smoker. Hurry up & respond. I need your love & support. Call ★★5332.

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Two-Step
Your way into my heart (and mind), darlin', if you're able to be emotionally open and physically close with a 42-year-young professional who's ready for all there is to share and more! We are this side of feminine, yet still have our powerful grounded sides. We love to play, dance, talk true, do the outdoors and The City, also NS, light drinkers. PO Box 181, Vineburg 95487 or call ★★5334.

Just The Other Night
I dreamt that I met a beautiful, sensual, provocative, caring, communicative woman. I know you're out there somewhere. I'm 30 and all of the above. I enjoy music, dining out, films, books, writing, camping, animals and having fun. I also work out and take good care of my in-shape body. If this seems to fit, and you're between 27-35, please call. No smoking or heavy drinkers. Call ★★5335.

Suburban Siren
Or Fremont Frump? It's all in the point of view. I choose to think positively. Zoftig granny, 53, who's admittedly over the hill—but ready to roll! Writer (mostly erotica), former hotline volunteer and women's rap group "facilitrice." I care about people, music, spirituality, my family, humor, integrity, my Lhasa apso, sex, Cajun food (it shows) and you. Open to being totally captivated by you no matter what, but I'd prefer you'd be 40+ and nonjudgmental. This tree-lined closet gets mighty lonely. Seek friends—maybe more. Reply BT Box AP10A or call ★★5336.

Wanted: Wonderful Woman With Fireplace
Well, hello—I'm looking for new friends, with the potential of developing a LTR. I'm 36, comfortable w/my femininity, attractive and sometimes athletic. I enjoy hiking, fireside chats, quiet romantic interludes, weekend trips, eating out and living a healthy lifestyle. If you live in the mid-Peninsula, are 38-48, bus/prof woman, emotionally/financially stable, outgoing and warm and love animals—please respond! No children, smoking or drugs. Reply BT Box AP11A or call ★★5337.

Gal Pals
Seeking creative thinkers, avid readers, cafe philosophers, amateur deconstructionists (favored topics: culture, identity, psyche), movie-goers, urban strollers, Castro dwellers, coffee drinkers. Me: friendly, reasonably smart dyke who writes, converses animatedly, and is looking to expand my network of friendships that transcend superficiality and avoid ennui. Sparky wit appreciated. All sacred cows to pasture! Age, ethnicity, orientation, proclivities, and other identifying characteristics and peccadilloes are interesting elements in the mix. Reply BT Box AP12A or call ★★5338.

Playful Intellectual Buddhist
Attractive scientist, 30, seeks fit, intelligent, playful woman, 25-35. Our first date: Coffee. We discuss the intellectual bankruptcy of deconstructionism, or whether corporations could really exist in a truly free market, or whether biological and cultural explanations of human behavior are really opposites. Our second date: My favorite playground in GG Park. We chase each other around the jungle gym, playing alien space invaders. After that...? Reply BT Box AP13A or call ★★5339.

Incantation
This affectionate, fun, loving, articulate, fat, 37, femme longs to surrender to a funny, affectionate butch. Make me laugh, make me sigh. Long kisses and a sense of humor are two of the essentials. We'll discover the rest. Call ★★5340.

Are hot sex, companionship and stimulating conversation all mutually exclusive? Where is the woman who can spend quiet evenings at home doing nothing, offer insightful opinions on a variety of topics and thrives on "non-verbal" oral stimulation. If you know her please call. Me: 30-something, not thin, professional, introspective and well therapized. Likes: low-impact hiking/walks, tennis, swimming, movies. Call ★★5341.

Phone Fucker
Articulate and versatile femme wants to blow the balls off of any butch who's ready to be worked into a frothy mess. At our mutually agreed upon convenience, I'll call and comfort you with my butter-melting voice. This is fantasy fuck time—imaginative, thorough and anonymous. Safe, sober and free fun. Let me give you what you need. Reciprocity not necessary. Call ★★5342.

AF Seeks Romance
Are you single, attractive, over 35, a nonsmoker, slim, upbeat, feminine, both mentally and financially stable, enjoy traveling & movies and not afraid of intimacy? I am! Take a chance to call and tell me about yourself. Call ★★5343.

Clean And Sober
GWF, 44, 5'3", butch seeks GWF who shares some of these interests: a quiet home life, camping, Reno, Disney, reading sci fi, movies, bowling. I am supportive, caring, witty, down-to-earth and easily amused. I'm unemployed stat. engineer on SSA, in therapy, a survivor and into 12-steps. Would love to meet a woman who also believes in monogamy, long relationships, sharing life, who doesn't drink or use drugs. If you are as shy as I am you may not write but please do. PO Box 426577, SF 94142.

Why Not...
I may meet Ms. Right. She will be educated, like to camp and dance CW and be playful. She'll also have a serious side that believes in living and loving. She won't be too citified. She won't be judgmental. She will love to be happy and be out in nature. TV holds no great thrills. Sorta like me! No smokers, El or drugs. Call ★★5344.

Peninsula
Low-end 30something, high-end charming and fun. I have an opening for an adventurous, witty, intelligent woman of Jewish persuasion. Healthy body and soft features required, passion a plus. Compensation package commensurate with experience. Travel may be required—and it will be worth it. Call for mutual interview. Call ★★5345.

Looking For Normal...
I'm just a normal type of gal. I love being a woman. I love exploring, bicycling, camping, cooking; country and ethnic dancing; long walks; looking to share this with a special person. Compassion, caring, ability to communicate are high on my list. So is honesty and monogamy. A little down home country charm also helps. Please no smokers, drugs, Els or 12-steppers; lesbian only. Reply BT Box AP14A or call ★★5346.

DeepTime, DeepSpace II
Pyrophilic wolfish lioness, 44, 5'5", 126, with labyrinthine senses, supple muscles, very short thick brown hair and hazel/green eyes desires deeptime liaison with heart-centered (willing to give and receive unconditional love), athletic (as in athlete), good-looking woman of integrity and honor. I am a native Californian, original daughter, multi-instrumentalist and successful entrepreneur who thrives in the circle of my personal power. I call forth a like lesbian with cunning, presence, e-motion, stamina, touching power, inner power, straying power (Eire, Prague, Paris, Provence, Yukon, Budapest, Egypt, Peru, American Southwest, Goddess of Liberty and other magical dimensions) and the courage to live life ex amina. With a vision toward eventual elegant country living and traveling interludes, I would like to date a woman who is playfully whimsical, articulate, a fine dresser, loyal to our kind, sophisticated, warm, intelligent, financially unfettered, a good driver (assertive) and in the mid-range of butch/femme. I live in sophisticated simplicity, am deeply connected to Mother Earth and have a keen sense of purpose and fun. North Bay preferred. Your letter and photo brings

Dykes To Watch Out For

Through a Glass, Hardly
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WHAT HAPPENED?
SOMEONE LOBBED A BRICK THROUGH THE WINDOW LAST NIGHT.
LOOKS LIKE IT WAS AIMED AT THE DISPLAY COPY OF "I WAS A LESBIAN MARINE."
OH MY GOD!
YEAH. I MEAN, I ADMIT IT WAS BADLY EDITED AND LACKED VERVE, BUT A BRICK IS KINDA HARSH.
OH, RIGHT! MAKE A JOKE! THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY ABOUT A HATE CRIME, LOIS. THIS IS SCARY!
HEY, I'M JUST TRYING TO LIGHTEN THINGS UP. THERE'S NO POINT IN GETTING ALL PARANOID OVER SOME TESTOSTERONE-POISONED ASSHOLES! GETTING FREAKED OUT JUST GIVES THEM POWER.
OH, SO WE SHOULD SHRUG IT OFF AS JUST A FACT OF LIFE HERE IN THE QUEER GHETTO? THAT'S WHAT GIVES THEM POWER!
AT ANY RATE, WE DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A LONE CREEP, OR A POSSE FROM THE TRADITIONAL VALUES COALITION. NOW THOSE PEOPLE ARE SCARY.
THEA, THE LINE'S BUSY AT THE GAY & LESBIAN ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECT. TRY 'EM AGAIN IN A MINUTE AND REPORT THIS. I GOTTA SEE ABOUT GETTING THE WINDOW REPLACED.
RIGHT
IT'S BACKLASH! AS LONG AS ALL WE WANTED WAS A PARADE PERMIT EVERY JUNE, THEY DIDN'T GET TOO WORRIED.
BUT AS SOON AS WE SAY WE'RE PARENTS AND SOLDIERS AND WE WANNA MARCH IN THEIR PARADES, HOO BOY! ANTI-GAY INITIATIVE EFFORTS ALL OVER TH' PLACE! I CAN'T TURN ON THE NEWS LATELY WITHOUT GETTING SPEWED AT BY SOME 'PHOBE!
WE'VE GOT THEM ON THE DEFENSIVE. AT LEAST THE HATE'S COMING OUT IN THE OPEN, INSTEAD OF FESTERING. NOW WE CAN START TO HEAL.
YEAH! IT'S KINDA LIKE A ZIT! THE BACKLASH IS PUS SPURTING FROM A GIANT PIMPLE ON SOCIETY'S FACE!
THAT'S A GREAT IMAGE, LOIS! I'M GOING TO SUGGEST IT AS A STREET THEATRE CONCEPT AT THE NEXT MEETING OF LESBIAN ARTISTS BRAZENLY INSTIGATING ACTION!
I DIDN'T KNOW THEA WAS IN LABIA. I'VE BEEN THINKING OF CHECKING THEM OUT. I NEED TO GET MORE POLITICALLY INVOLVED.
YEAH, RIGHT, ROMEO. YOU'D JOIN THE JUNIOR LEAGUE IF THEA WAS IN IT.
LOIS, GIVE IT UP! I DON'T HAVE A CRUSH ON THEA!
SURE YOU DON'T. AND I'M NOT YOUR BOSS. NOW GET THAT GLASS SWEPT UP.

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I would like to meet Southeast Asian women or others to develop a loving relationship. Prefer 40 or older. Feminine, olive-skinned or Vietnamese a plus. I am Asian American, sincere, nonsmoker, very active and loving. Please be healthy emotionally and physically. Reply BT Box AP16A.

Intellectual Artist
Intellectual, artistic redhead, 5'5", 145 lbs., blue eyes, 32, sober, MFA, social worker-type, semi-butch bottom, looking for a very smart, available, sexually dominant woman who is emotionally aware, around my height and weight, who has a sense of humor and an ulterior motive in life. I like to be affectionate and to talk about things. You should be a feminist, OK? And a lesbian. Call ★★5348.

Older Friend Wanted
Seeking 50-60+, stable, mature, good-natured, good-humored, possessing common sense while comprehending life and respecting differences. Live in SF or close, enjoy the outdoors as much as cultural activities and home center. Human accomplishments highly respected. Desire tender, feminine, romantic gal for supportive friendship and perhaps more. No drugs or smokes, light alcohol OK. Call ★★5349.

Want
Born blonde, light eyes, androgynous, some butch, 40+, 5'6"+, fit, highly sexual, for growth, romance, honesty, commitment, with attractive, silver-haired woman, who has grown a great deal. Friends, dating, fun, kind, supportive response given. Call ★★5350.

You're My Love, I'm Your Fool
How would you like to meet a beautiful womin? You would... so would I. That's why I'm writing this for you to read. Beautiful, femme, mostly top lezzie seeks others as hot as me—whatever that may be. I'm fun, happy, very sexual, 35, 5'1", red hair, ND, NS, with a bod for sin and I'd like to meet you if you're a cute dyke, or a beautiful attractive womin around the age of 25-35. I seek romance, passion, erotic adventures for those open to the idea. Let's meet, get together and play. I miss the warmth of holding someone all night in my arms... do you? Call ★★5351.

Want To Be Satisfied
I enjoy life to the fullest and would like to have a lasting, loving relationship. Full of passion, love and humor. I'm 35, soft butch, full figured, smoker, who loves her pets and has many interests. I do like board games, not head games. So if you're willing to take a chance, leave a message. Call ★★5352.

Intellectual With Heart
Seeks similar. Mid-40s, professional/artist, vegetarian, good-looking, weight proportionate to height, many arcane interests. Are you fun yet responsible, sensitive to others but with your own interests and opinions, witty yet fundamentally serious? Me too! Write me a note describing your outer interests and inner development. Reply BT Box AP17A.

Magic Carpet Ride
I'll rub your magic lamp till the genie pops out and we will be granted all the wishes we can dream of. Let's fly away to never-never lands and voyage to deep space mine. We'll trap the light fantastic and soar the stars above. Let's explore spatial fantasies together and build castles in the sky. I'm 40+, GWF, well-grounded, NS/ND. Boxholder, PO Box 882992, SF 94188 or call ★★5353.

Wholesome And Pure
Is what people think when they first meet me. But looks can be deceiving. I'm 32, mostly femme, beautiful and refined, but not demure. I'm craving hot sex and otherwise stimulating companionship. You like to fuck, talk and live with flair. You're neither desperate nor bored, have a sharp mind that you use regularly and interests beyond the lesbian club scene. Confidence, honesty, kindness, social commitment and humor are all qualities that turn me on. Call ★★5354.

Dyke On A Bike
Looking for women! Motorcycle rides on back of my bike or you on your own. I enjoy camping, hiking, swimming, traveling. Seek intimacy before unleashing my passion (which is very intense), in other words, I'm interested in quality, not quantity. I'm medium built, butch, have short dark hair, green eyes, 5 ft., 34 yrs. old. You should be 30-plus, short or tall, femme (aggressive) or butch (bottom), well fit. Not attracted to heavy women, though I have a little belly myself. No drugs or heavy drinking. Smokers encouraged. PO Box 411231, SF 94141-1231 or call ★★5355.

S — SHARED INTEREST

Please Note
The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Third World Gay Men
Get together for Sunday brunches and socializing. A cooking collective for non-yuppies is forming—music, laughter and nourishment provided for the body, mind and soul. Call ★★5410.

Weight Training Partner
Been a dedicated gym goer for a long time. I'd now like to get more organized by sharing support, knowledge and training with a like-minded partner. My workout routine includes free weights, machines and aerobics. Looking for another nice guy in San Mateo County or San Francisco area. My schedule is quite flexible. A friendship would be an added benefit! Call ★★5411.

Prospective Queer Parents
Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★5412.

Lesbian Poker Game
Friendly game starting in The City. For women who enjoy poker, good conversation and take-out food. If interested or have questions, please call ★★5413.

Lyricist/Guitarist Sought
GWM, 36, with lots of "songs without words," seeks lyricist/guitarist to help transform them into songs with words, and better arrangements ("two guitars are better than one"). Song styles range from folk to pop to rock (with some classical music influences). Also have 4-track, synthesizer and reverb machine. Hoping for fun and possibly a demo tape and/or the nucleus of some kind of non-professional band. Call ★★5414.

If You're Femme, You're Invited!
Do you consider yourself femme? Interested in socializing with other femme-identified women? Singles, couples; white women, women of color; professionals, tradeswomen—all welcome if you're femme! I'm planning a Memorial Day party for Bay Area femmes. You bring food; I'll supply drinks, music, games—perhaps this could turn into a monthly social thing! Sound fun? Call me & we'll talk details & interests! Reply BT Box AP600A or call ★★5415.

Walking Enthusiasts
PWA interested in connecting with walking enthusiasts, to take long walks in The City. Prefer someone who is physically able to take long walks and who walks at a brisk gait. Call ★★5416.

S(he) Captain
Have sea legs, will travel! Steer this "able body" sailor, retired luxury liner ship's masseuse toward an even-keeled, mild-mannered, non-aholic (lesbian?!) skipper/crew smooth cruising/racing 'round the Bay Area to start. Serious about clocking up more deck time (have Coast Guard Boats/Sailing Safety Certifications) but not into bright work. Will do my share towing lines, giving non-sexual sports rubs, navigating & boatsitting instead. Aloha! Reply BT Box AP601A or call ★★5417.

Bowling, Bowling, Bowling!
GAM, 27, avid bowler (170 average) would like to meet other interested bowlers for regular practice sessions. Also hoping to form a team for upcoming league with right bowlers. If you love to bowl, then get your bowling bag ready and let's head to the alleys. I know we will have a ball. Call ★★5418.

Attention Bipolar Dykes
We're an ongoing weekly peer support group whose purpose is "To create a comfortable, safe environment, unaligned with any institution or professional therapy, within which lesbian, gay and bisexual persons with a diagnosis of Bipolar (Manic-Depressive) Disorder may gather for mutual support, understanding and information." We're all relatively stabilized and we're currently able to accept several new lesbian members. Contact us for more information. Reply BT Box AP602A or call ★★5419.

In The Nude
I'm looking for sun-lovers like myself for companionship and transportation to local nude beaches (Black Sand, San Gregorio, etc.) this spring and summer. I work standard business hours and am available mostly on weekends. Also looking for buddies who like to go to the street fairs in minimal and outrageous attire. Reply to 2215-R Market St., #473, SF 94114 or call ★★5420.

Canadian Rockies Trip
GWM seeks traveling companion(s) for spring-time excursion to Banff Park in the Canadian Rockies. Will travel Memorial Weekend and expenses will be shared. I will make all arrangements and sightseeing plans. If you love mountain hiking, Alpine lakes, spring blossoms and bubbling brooks, join me for a majestic trip. Call ★★5421.

Women Runners And Walkers
Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in-between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Call ★★5422.

Emanu-El
I'm looking for other lesbians and gay men who are members or attend services at Temple Emanu-El. Just want to connect, to know I'm not the only one in the congregation. Or, is there anyone else who has tried making this connection? Call ★★5423.

Text Seeks Image
Would-be writer seeks would-be photographers. I've landed a cool gig mucking around with language in the fin-de-siecle millenial underground, and want to share my good fortunes (exposure, not money, alas) with a few talented, ambitious, queer imagemakers. Photo, Mac, video, OK. Creativity, chemistry, competence and style essential. International forum in Fashion Art and Design magazine. Oh, I'm a QF androgyne, 20s. Reply BT Box AP603A or call ★★5424.

Ready For An Adventure?
Organizing group of womyn to travel cross-country summer 1994. Ideally we'll travel for 3+ months (till $ runs out) staying at Nat'l Parks, friends & hostels wherever we go visiting local womyn in their natural habitat. Mode of travel: bicycle or motorcycle. Call ★★5425.

Sailor Seeks Crew
GWM, 40, with 45 ft. ketch and lover, has openings for sailing crew. No experience necessary, just the desire to learn and become part of a sailboat family that has a deep love for the San Francisco Bay. I think this is a magical lifestyle and welcome a few special people to share the adventure. Captain, 1001 Bridgeway, #428, Sausalito 94965 or call ★★5426.

Maxwell Park, Oakland
Gays and Lesbians in Maxwell Park (GALIMP or LAGIMP?)—There are a lot of us... any others interested in starting a neighborhood association? Socializing, promoting the area, meeting potential dates/partners, local political action, or whatever we decide our agenda might be. Call ★★5427 if you're interested and we'll organize an initial meeting.

bi — BISEXUAL

Tri
Stable bi male, 45, seeks long-term relationship with two gay or bi women. My hope is for tri love, intimacy and commitment with a house, gourmet kitchen, garden, kids, lots of friends and pets for good measure. As two or three, let's do lunch. RSVP PO Box 885291, SF 94188-5291.

Bound To Please
Docile BiWM (published but impecunious author) seeking masterful patron desiring live-in factotum/slave. (Crave Tantric "self-control" discipline: suspend me naked; mischievously masturbate me, etc.; whip me if/whenever I allow myself orgasm, yet force me to ejaculate over & over, until I learn self-control & cum only when it pleases you.) I'm youthfully mature, tanned, fit; disease-free, intellectual, sane; cultured, bohemian, discreet. Call ★★5376.

We are a spiritually oriented, bisexual, interracial married couple seeking lasting romance with a man, woman or couple. Published African-American poetess, earth mother craftswoman, 5'2", and long-haired white male artist/painter, blues musician, 5'6" (both very cute). Longing for friendship, passion, verbal and physical intimacy and the shared pursuit of new ways of living. Probable relocate to Hawaii. Letter/photo to PO Box 1812, Wimberly, TX 78676-1812.

Intellectual Bisexual
Looking forward to meeting females and males. I am 30, WM, brown hair, blue/green eyes, 6'1", stocky but athletic, clean-cut, non-boring professional and eager to start a friendship/relationship. I am honest and have lots of interests outside of academia. How about a therapeutic massage? A lunch? Dinner? A non-superficial conversation? All replies will get a response. See you soon. Call ★★5377.

Creative Muscular Stud
GWM, 30s, 5'8", 150, br/bl, cleanshaven, very muscular, attractive, HIV-, seeks honestly attractive, in-shape only couples (bi or straight) under 40 to entertain creatively. I like watching, being watched or actively participating with other creative people. Call ★★5378.

A Walk On The "Bi" Side
BiWM, 6'2" tall, 190 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, tanned, buffed, good-looking and HIV+ seeking safe sex playmates. Attractive, firm-bodied men, women, combination, or couples into creative, kinky, slow, uninhibited, spastic ecstasy. No drugs, alcohol, animals, children or dead people please. Reply BT Box AP300A or call ★★5379.

Tickle Torture
31 y.o., attractive, BM physician is ticklish all over; I'm 5'5", 140 lbs., muscular, safe, sane, clean and discreet. I'm into being tied up very tight and tickled/tortured with prolonged teasing. I'm very expressive and have lots of submissive energy; looking for female (straight or bi), lesbian, TV/TS any race or age. PO Box 170691, SF 94117 or call ★★5380.

Attractive TS
Want attractive WM, hairy, masc., slim, 37-47, like a lot of kissing, 69 and a bottom with a lot of drinking cocktails for two, possible long-term ongoing relationship. San Francisco area. Also like outings, dancing, outdoors. Call ★★5381.

Massage For Guys, 18-24
Superb, pleasurable, relaxing, nurturing, skillful massage... by affectionate, dark-haired, thin, hung, uncut, healthy Latino, 39 (outstanding professional masseur since 1980). Preferably you're attractive, healthy, well-proportioned, smooth. Dual "bi-sensual" massage possible with help of girlfriend (ravishingly beautiful Spaniard, 31, with great touch). Everything safe. Not necessarily "sexual." After massage, mutual masturbation possible (but not required). Let's maybe exchange photos first. PO Box 1115, Berkeley 94701-1115 or call ★★5382.

Submissive Sluts Sought
I am currently adding to my stable of slaves. I enjoy B&D, pushing limits, and playing with more than one slave at a time. I have an extensive costume wardrobe and delight in dressing up my slaves. My present slaves agree I have a vivid imagination and a wicked sense of humor. Submissive, kinky, bisexual, intelligent, creative people, between 28-42, sought. I am a large woman; if it bothers you, don't answer. Call ★★5383.

t — TRANS

TV French Maid
Would it excite you to dress as a sexy French maid in heels, seamed nylons, petticoat and short skirt? Petite, trim, attractive GWM, late 30s, seeks young-looking, trim, bright, imaginative, healthy, nonsmoking playmate under 45 for TV role games. Very discreet. Nobody will know but us. Humor helpful! Write Box 538, 220 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley 94941.

Lesbian Transsexual-In-Progress
Working title: sweet-natured Mediterranean beauty. MTF, lifelong lesbian-identified, seeking a woman for a balanced, tender relationship. An arts professional, I am funny, loving, outgoing, fit, and stylish; deeply unique, and always take the path less traveled. Substance use, no abuse. I'd like the usual things: affection, caring, honesty, fun, monogamy. Do you enjoy dancing (!!), attending theater, hiking, travel, books, home? Want to share growth and love? Call ★★5399.

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Want attractive WM, hairy, masc., slim, 37-47. Like a lot of kissing, 69 and a bottom with a lot of drinking cocktails for two, possible long-term ongoing relationship. San Francisco area. Also like outings, dancing, outdoors. Call ★★5401.

NEW!

m — MESSAGES

Working On My "Stuff"
I am out here... couldn't reach you by phone from Atlanta, Mr. Out There (★★4542)... had to place an ad. Are you reading? I'm 33, WM stud, brn/hzl, 6', 175 lbs., cleanshaven, crewcut, HIV+ and positive about it. I've got a big heart that's in the right place... it's time to get serious. Coming to SFO soon. Write VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★5430.

I'm Positively Selective Also
Tried to respond to your ad, Mr. Positively Selective (★★4696), but couldn't get through from Atlanta. I was told the only way to contact you was to place my own ad... hope you're reading. I'm 33, WM stud, 6' tall, 175 lbs., "all muscle," cleanshaven, crewcut. Love to workout, run, spend time with my Labs and friends. Time to focus on things that matter. Need a quality man to help. Respond ASAP to VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★5431.

Bye, Bye, Handsome
Sat., 3/13, Midnight Sun, 11 pm. You: bl/br, white T-shirt, green shirt, with friends. Me: br/br, blue & white striped shirt, suede jacket, with friends. We traded looks. When leaving, I said, "Bye, bye, handsome..." I meant "Handsome," I didn't mean "bye, bye..." Call ★★5432.

"The Cellular One Customer You Are Trying To Reach..."
...Is not available at this time. Please try your call again later." A., you answered my "Your Ass Is Mine" ad in the 3/11 issue of the *SF Bay Times*, but every time I call the number you gave me I get this obnoxious message. Please call again and leave me a number that works! I liked your voice and your message. You sounded very sexy and a lot of fun. I'd love to connect—please don't leave me in techno-limbo! Call ★★5433.

Thursday, 3/25, M Train To SFSU
Approx. 2:30 pm. You: tall, thin, brn hair, checked sports coat, corduroy slacks, umbrella & leather valise. Me: tall, thin, glasses, brn/balding, black sweatshirt, blue jeans & tennies. If you're interested & single... how about we meet for coffee? Call ★★5434.

Hey, J.!
We met at SoMa "Buddies" Saturday night, March 20. We hugged, kissed, played a little, parted for lack of privacy. I liked what I felt, saw, heard; left me craving. Me: WM, taller, moustache, smooth, wearing cap. Call J. if you felt similar. Call ★★5435.

MEN

Man Hunted By SF Man
Who is handsome, gym-toned, 40, very intelligent, social and fun. Enjoy biking, hiking, reading, seeing films and plays, volunteering, listening to jazz. Have Wanderlust in extremis. Am "ultra-liberal," monogamous wannabe, safe-sexual, extremely affectionate. Like dark, hairy, firm men, 20s to 40s, conversation, well-mannered extroverts, blonds with beards, the occasional toke, moments of honesty and hysteria. Dislike TV, BMWs, religion. For physical stats and voice check call ★★5452.

One Of The Guys?
Handsome and athletic young GWM in East Bay. Regular kind of guy, tired of/not into bar scene. Likes outdoor activities, the beach, Tahoe, skiing, mountain biking, camping, Disneyland, as well as A's, playing pool, bowling, movies, etc. Would like to meet masculine athletic/active same. Call ★★5453.

Own Your Own Business?
Full-time or part-time? This self-employed, handsome GWM in the East Bay wants to meet other entrepreneurial, driven & motivated guys. Let's talk! Call ★★5454.

Wanted!!
Relationship-oriented, sincere friends and playmates by a dangerously horny and hopelessly romantic guy who is ready to turn himself in for the right adventure. (He's 31 years old, 6'1" tall, weighs 165 lbs., is usually tan and has blond hair and blue eyes—a cute kinda guy next door type.) You should be 20-32, have a great sense of humor and an above average sense of direction for yourself. Extra credit for smooth/slim types. If you can provide any further information regarding this investigation contact... BT Box AP70A or call ★★5455.

Middle-Aged Beefcake
Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 46, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, non-smoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Batter Up!!!
Baseball season is almost here. This masculine, straight-acting, bearded, sports minded, HIV-dad in his mid-40s has a Giant bat ready for another dad or son who wants to meet at Candlestick and light the candle at both ends. Let's support the team we almost lost and support each other with companionship which could lead from outdoor activities into safe indoor sports. Let's be safe at home. Call ★★5456.

Tall, Handsome GWM
Dk blond/hazel, 30 y.o., clean-cut, cleanshaven, collegiate, HIV-, honest, affectionate, masculine guy with open mind, good sense of humor, witty & outgoing with creative career seeks another tall (6'+) slim to in-shape, clean-cut GWM, possessing similar attributes, who is masculine, handsome, 24-35, financially secure and emotionally available and looking for a quality relationship/friendship. Pluses: nonsmoker, Nordic, blond, tan, straight hair, fire signs. Call ★★5457.

Seeking Dominant Short Man
GWM, 38, 185 lbs., 5'11", dark blond, good-looking, athletic, nice body, relationship-oriented. Seeks good-looking, confident, dominant, verbal, shorter man. Turn-ons also include macho role-playing, kinky body worship and shared emotional intimacy. Call ★★5458.

It's Time
It's time for us to hook up and settle down. I'm 40, 155 lbs., 5'11", gray-brown hair, blue eyes, have a couple of graduate degrees, HIV+, happy with myself and my life. I'm told I have a strong personality, I'm also told that sexually I'm very intense (FYI: versatile, mainly top). I work out a lot and am looking for someone in shape and near my age. My life and leisure interests are eclectic, I'm after someone who can add to them so we can form a partnership out of the mix. Reply with photo to Boxholder, PO Box 590486, SF 94159-0486 or call ★★5459. All answered, photos returned.

Oral Expert
Wants masc., aggressive men. You: 20s, 30s, early-40s—in-shape or stocky—from moderate to hairy. Me: handsome GWM, 34, 5'10", 160 lbs., med. bl/bl-grn, lightly hairy, hungry mouth and tongue, deep throat. Use me, use my hot mouth. Also into two men or group service. Call ★★5460.

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Friend Wanted
WM seeks friendships, rims, etc. HIV-, Black only. No reciprocity necessary. Thank you. Call ★★5463.

Attention!
Former US Navy hospital corpsman seeks an active duty military dude primarily as a pen pal. (Or perhaps as very discreet occasional fuckbuddy). Prefer USN or USMC. Health care personnel a plus. Write "Submarine" c/o PO Box 11470, Piedmont, CA 94611 or call ★★5464.

Prostate Pressure?
51-year-old GWM, slim, Ph.D., Rogaine refusenik, with prostate pressure seeks younger guy for possible relationship. I enjoy someone energetic, unconventional, health-conscious, fit, a nonsmoker, good with plants and animals, and not into bars, partying, crystals, spirituality, or unemployment. I'm a good listener, dependable, financially stable, HIV-, verbal, oral, a top, a city boy for 12 years with many cultural and other interests and a crazy sense of humor. Boxholder, PO Box 14523, SF 94114 or call ★★5465.

Horny Dudes In Santa Rosa
Need active HIV- cocksucker on regular basis. Both HIV-. Avail. 4/17/93 thru Dec. '93. We are clean, cut and horny. Let's nude sunbathe, hot tub, hot safe fun, all summer and more. Age, looks not as important as eagerness & technique! Write: Dudes, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★5466.

Intelligence Is Sexy
I am a warm, spirited, well-educated, physically fit, attractive WM, 36, HIV-. I am good-natured, fun-loving, happy, sensitive & sensual. I'm looking for another HIV- man with whom to share massage, to share life's ups and downs, to learn, to grow, to challenge, to communicate & to laugh. Call ★★5467.

This Paradise Is Well Worth The Drive!
Very good-looking, honest, playful, relationship-oriented, optimistic, emotionally open, financially secure, communicative, creative, fit, HIV-, affectionate, romantic, into personal and spiritual growth, my gorgeous home, travel and massage. Want to meet similar GWM to love and make dreams come true. My arms and hands can soothe and melt your day away and make you purrr... Please write descriptive letter with picture to your: Destiny, PO Box 3508, Santa Cruz 95063-3508.

Spiritual And Sexy
In-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. HIV-. We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★5468.

Daddy/Boy
Leather daddy, tall, slim, late 40s, s/p hair, trim beard/'stache, distinguished, looking for boy substantially younger. Because I wear leather, people assume I'm into S/M, but I'm not! I like wearing leather, I like the way I look in it, I like the way other people look in it too, and I like slim boys who are looking for a man with a strong daddy image. A little bondage is OK too and fun, but not required. Not into pain, scat, watersports, fisting, etc. Just into loving, 69, J/O. A handsome daddy looking for a relationship in leather. No flakes—I'm serious. Call ★★5469.

Black And White
Is a great color combination. If you're a young Black guy who likes handsome, distinguished white men, give me a call. Daddy type (but not sugar daddy) seeks good-looking, slim, sincere, intelligent Black boyfriend. Is that asking too much? I don't think so. I know you're out there someplace. We just haven't met yet because we don't hang out in the Pendulum! I'm late 40s, trim, s/p hair, trim beard/'stache, sophisticated, English, fun, witty, urbane, loving, sexy. Go for it! Call ★★5470.

Quiet Evenings By The Fire
BGM, 49 y.o., HIV-, 135 lbs., 5'9½", professional, financially stable, mature, looking for BGM/AM/LM, with similar qualities, for dates to movies, dining out, short trips out of town, cultural events, and quiet evenings at home by the fire. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Letter and photo exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box AP71A or call ★★5471.

Ahoy, Sailor!
Seeking a special friend to take sailing, walk in the redwoods, enjoy passionate physical encounters and other activities. Handsome, masculine WM, 34, 5'4", 135 lbs., HIV+, asymptomatic, brn hair and eyes, moustache, physically fit and in-shape, light smoker (outdoors only), no alcohol. I am very physical, very oral and versatile, professional, stable, liberal and like to have fun! You are an experienced sailor or have great desire to learn, attractive, 30-40, masculine WM, weight proportionate to height, facial hair, blonds and redheads a plus. You are mature and know what you want from life. I live on the Peninsula. You are in SF, Peninsula or South Bay. Possible LTR. Sailing weather is here—let's go! Call ★★5472.

Great Catch For GAM
GWM, 33, 6'2", 180 lbs., European born, now living in SF, intelligent, attractive, clean-cut, blue eyes, blond hair, healthy, HIV-, many interests (art, photography, music, multi-cultural things, I love cafes). I am sincere but also very playful and youthful. If you are a young, slim, tall Asian (or Asian-American, Eurasian, Amerasian) and if you are also educated, good-looking, kind, honest, then—catch me! Reply BT Box AP72A or call ★★5473.

Daytime Companions Sought
(Who're mature & educated) for lunch, sex, tender support, walks, shopping, banter, board games, overnight trips, estate sales, massage, Enneagram study, orchid shows, nude beaches, new experiences. (Postal exchange of erotic videos, too.) Welcome: physicians, clerics, foreigners, disabled. Appearance & age unimportant. I'm 55, retired, Hispanic, non-mainstream, holistically accessible. Serious relationship aspired. Occasional visits to San Francisco. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

Wanted: Horny Bottom
Or bottoms to service. Two horny, HIV- tops for spring and summer 1993—nude sunbathing. Let's have fun. Write: Summertime Fun, Box 282, Fulton, CA 95439 or call ★★5474. North Bay preferred.

South Bay Bodybuilder
6'2", 220#, 25 yrs., HIV-, GWM bodybuilder with short, curly brown hair, moustache and beard wants to meet another bodybuilder and try to build something that will last. Call ★★5475.

Partner—Sonoma County
For 52-yr-old GWM, HIV-. You are likely over 45, a GM who is also intelligent, kind & loving, affectionate & available, with a sense of fun & humor. You also sincerely want a committed, monogamous, equal partnership & to continue growing & learning, to share ideas, conversation, time; to give & receive & to build a great & magical life together. I hope you will enjoy theater, cars, travel, gardening, adventures & metaphysics. Please write to BT Box AP73A.

Available For Magic
55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV- Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box AP74A or call ★★5476.

Regular GAM For Regular GWM
GAM, 6', 150, reasonably cute, graduate student seeks masculine GWM, 25-40, 5'10" above, preferably professional (but not necessarily), medium to stocky build. Enjoy silly and intelligent conversations, classical to techno music, staying home and going out. Also like dancing, movies, occasional bar but no extremes. Always committed to school but now eager to also enjoy life. Looking for guys with similar inclinations. Friendship/relationship. Call ★★5477.

I Love
Cycling, walking, talking, laughing, dinners and quiet times. Slim, masculine, HIV- guy, youthful 50s, looking for active, fit guy who would like to spend weekends exploring the area and getting to know each other. Open to other activities. Call ★★5478.

Seeking Mate
32, GLM, spiritual Taurus, 5'5", 150 lbs., looking for a well-proportioned, spiritual top, HIV+, asymptomatic or comfortable with that. Able to work with meditation, monogamy, hot sex, life, relationships, spiritualism and communication. Interested? Write Boxholder, PO Box 22654, SF 94122 or call ★★5479.

GWM Seeking Mature GAM
HIV- GWM, 25, 5'10", 185, works out regularly, relatively good-looking, seeks HIV-, masculine GAM, 25 or older, medium to stocky build for friendship and/or relationship. I enjoy the outdoors, long walks, good conversation, music, movies and dancing, as well as holding hands, kissing and cuddling with the right person. Strong interests in spirituality (East and West) and new perspectives. Value honesty and integrity. Call ★★5480.

I'm Not Asking For Much
A house, a dog, a fire, and a lover at my side. Maybe you can help? If you are seeking a long-term relationship, this bright and sincere, brown-eyed attorney is just the marrying kind. He's an attractive, 35-year-old, 5'10", 180 lbs., with a muscular build, very affectionate and waiting to fall head over heels in love with a cute, dark-haired, dark-skinned (Latin?) younger guy, moderate to slender build, who is bright, independent and, at times, silly enough to pull him away from his office. Call ★★5481.

Even Relationship
Ads here end "must be a cross-dressing bodybuilder." Makes this 30 y.o. GWM consider moving back East. But it could be perfect with a man who's professional about art, thought or business, but not about being gay. Looking for someone around my age, my size (5'8", 150), HIV-, who reads and writes and doesn't need recovery. I'm the above. Friends say I look like Montgomery Clift. Maybe. Yes, I visit a gym. I just don't live there. Reply BT Box AP75A or call ★★5482.

Ravenous White Male
Desires tasty Chinese Yang dish for eternal savoring. I'm a handsome, eclectic moderate (34, 5'10", 150 lbs.) who believes in love and in enjoying this beautiful existence and who wants to explore the possibilities of our paths crossing. We are HIV- and were born within a few years of one another. Please write or call—come on, you know you're tasty! Reply BT Box AP76A or call ★★5483.

My Heart's Free
Loving and caring 30 y.o., incarcerated GWM, lonely for friendship, love and affection. Me: blond/blue, HIV-, healthy, intelligent, good-looking, serious-minded, but also fun-loving. I love to read, exercise and meditate. Your photo will get mine with reply. Serious responses only. Reply BT Box AP77A.

Fun And Games
Easygoing GWM, 36, 6'2", 190#, brown hair, cleanshaven, good-looking, HIV-, well-educated, East Bay programmer seeks similar nonsmoking GWM/GAM, 25-40, with a good sense of humor, for fun and games, including music, dinner, movies, dancing, hiking, biking, card games and travel. Looking for friendship and maybe more. Call ★★5484.

Looking For Special Guy
I am a 40-year-old with a successful career, good friends and varied interests. I am looking for a guy who is serious, takes care of himself and is enthusiastic about life's possibilities. I am 5'10", 155#, blond/blue, swimmer's build, HIV-. Grew up in the area and went to Cal. Enjoy cycling, swimming, the beach, hiking, computers, gardening, working on my house, studying French and travel (planning a bike trip to Europe this summer). If you are 25-40, HIV-, in good shape, clean-cut, masculine, college educated and seeking a monogamous relationship, please respond with a letter and recent photo. Reply BT Box AP78A.

Do Opposites Attract?
I'm a 6'4", blond, blue-eyed, Nordic-looking guy, 37 years old, with a moustache. I'm 190 lbs., with an active lifestyle. I'm looking for a guy in his 30s who has a full head of dark hair, perhaps a moustache, who's tall, athletic and HIV-, like me. I'm interested in artistic exploration, natural wonders, and dogs. I'm a professional who's financially stable and would appreciate same. Call ★★5485.

Your Daddy, Lover, Friend
I am young-looking 40s, short, Caucasian, Capricorn. An artist/craftsman who has gotten lost in life but is on the verge of blooming once again. I like to be comfortable & quiet, kissing and loving in bed. A little rough if you like it. I am top. Things develop in a relationship. I prefer short, smooth and/or Asian guys. Reply BT Box AP79A or call ★★5486.

Man Seeks Same
Intelligent, handsome, professional, athletic, easygoing GWM, 37, 5'9", 160, seeks another man, 25-35, who can identify with the above and is honestly seeking a long-term, monogamous relationship. NS, ND, HIV-, long hair a plus. I've got a lot to offer the right man. I enjoy camping, working out, movies, bike riding, romance, great conversation, traveling, hot sex. Reply BT Box AP80A or call ★★5487.

Humboldt County Deadhead
All-American GWM, 5'10", 165#, 30 y.o. Rural Humboldt County Deadhead seeks Bay Area Deadheads. I'm very athletic and very rural laid-back. When I'm not working in the redwoods, I'm playing in them. My interests include: backpacking, climbing, snorkeling, riverboarding, working out, hanging out at the beach and, oh yeah, mtn. biking. I spend 2-3 hours a day doing heinous rides on my Klein. If you're my age, way hip, athletic and like the outdoors, reply to Boxholder, PO Box 726, Trinidad, CA 95570 or call ★★5488.

A Healthy Escape...
Romantic and passionate WM interested in meeting an ambitious man (students OK), 24-30, with similar interests and qualities. Someone who makes a difference. Race not important. I'm a student, 25 y.o., educated, HIV-, 5'11", 148 lbs., bl/blue. Masc., toned and lean with a swimmer's build. All-American/college type. I enjoy mountain biking, running, hiking and early Sunday morning walks. Genuine, open and honest types are encouraged to respond. Reply BT Box AP81A or call ★★5489.

Seeking A Big Brother
Cute Asian boy, 20 years old, seeks cute & handsome GWM, 20-28 (only) for fun, experience, and hanging out. Please do not respond to this ad if you do not meet the qualifications! Please must send a picture if replying by mail. PO Box 60406, Palo Alto 94306 or call ★★5490.

We're Living In Tough Times, Guys
And it'll take more than jerk-off fantasies to help get us through them. I'm not looking for a Colt model hung like a Clydesdale. But I'd like to connect with a man with an open heart, a bright mind, a quick sense of humor, a fit body, a strong social conscience, a passionate and compassionate nature and a fierce concern with just what's going on in this world. It wouldn't hurt if you've done some serious work on yourself about who you are and just what you want your priorities to be. I'm 6', 160 lbs., 43, HIV-, brown hair/beard, green eyes, furry chested, bright, very fit, sane, intense. I love the outdoors, am involved in environmental work, feel strongly about social issues, but can also kick back and play too. Looking for a partner who's bright, self- and other-loving, physical, spiritual, down-to-earth, playful, open-hearted. If interested, send reply (with photo please) to Boxholder, PO Box 170426, SF 94117 or call ★★5491.

Loyalty/Submission/Fun Times
Tall GWM, 45, attractive, HIV-, 'stache, smoker, social cocktails, professional, diverse interests, witty, loyal, spiritual, cut, FrA/P, GrA, take-charge director w/TLC looking for submissive GWM/GLM, HIV-, drug-free, cut, FrA/P, GrP, (glasses a plus), w/facial hair, w/loyalty a priority, diverse interests, witty, professional, for wining/dining & quiet evenings for relationships. Write what loyalty and fantasy mean to you: Boxholder, Box 107, 564 Mission St., SF 94105 or call ★★5492.

No Risk, No Reward
Just moved to SF. Tall, Caucasian, 38-year-old sales manager, Southern, Scorpio, hopelessly masculine, completely gay, love to laugh. Getting a little gray, but told I'm handsome. Enjoy my job and working hard. Excited about exploring The City. Love to be outside: bicycling, snow skiing, taking a hike. Indoors I'm a pretty good cook & like to read. Next vacation will likely be Caribbean or Australia. Emotionally secure. HIV-. SF bars aren't for meeting guys like me... figured I would try this. Professional guys, take a chance. Send a picture and a note. Reply BT Box AP82A.

Partner Sought
For mutually supportive relationship. 33-year-old GWM, 5'10", 150 pounds, HIV-, dark, hairy, good body, non-dogmatic, intelligent, honest, open, perceptive, masculine, musical, looking for someone with similar qualities. Physically I'm most interested in men who are about my size or larger, between 30 and 40 years old, and are in good mental and physical shape. Call ★★5493.

Weight Gainers And Encouragers
If you're a guy who finds the prospect of getting bigger and/or fattening up another guy erotic (regardless of whether you're fat or thin), I'd like to invite you to my next event exclusively for men genuinely turned on by aspects of eating, feeding or encouraging. Please leave a message on voice mail box. Call ★★5494.

Spanking
Bad boy, 26, 6', 145, long bl/gr, needs firm, authoritative GWM, 30-50, to put me over his knee for serious spanking. Suits, cops, teachers, masculine a plus. If you enjoy/fantasize about reddening a young man's ass with hands, belt, paddle, whatever, then you're the man I'm looking for. Role-playing okay. Sex negotiable. I will reciprocate if you require. Reply BT Box AP83A or call ★★5495.

Serious Musician-Teacher
Thoughtful, companionable, healthy, introspective loner; INFP (Myers-Briggs); high ideals; sometimes intense, always caring; self-aware, spiritual. Beginning to feel "someone special" is extremely rare? Me too. I enjoy simplicity: walks, talks, music(-making), dining & seek kindred spirit. PO Box 1551, Cupertino 95015 or call ★★5496. I'm 45 & seek mature-minded "deeper" types.

Commit Serious Indiscretions With Me
This handsome, cleanshaven, unconventional WM seeks a meaningful, passionate connection. 35, 6', 155, black hair, brown eyes, with defined swimmer's body, hairy chest, 5 o'clock shadow. HIV-. Interests include: hiking, dancing, touch football, Tai Chi and eating bagels. You are: cute/handsome, HIV-, heartfelt, easygoing, non-pretentious, nonsmoker, healthy. Probably: unbearded, smooth with good complexion, slim or firm, 20-35. Share: contagious laughter, tender kisses, spacious mind. Photo please. Reply BT Box AP84A or call ★★5497.

How Can I Get...
100 responses to this ad? No, that's not what I want. I want a lover. I want one handsome, affectionate, masculine, honest, romantic man like myself. Everyone is so afraid of intimacy. Let's take a chance. I'm 29, 5'11", 170#, masculine, muscular, sexually bottom. Love to kiss, cuddle for hours. I have a lot to offer. Let's fall in love. Prefer photo/letter. You won't be sorry. Reply BT Box AP85A or call ★★5498.

Great Catch
Seeks and can offer integrity, humor, sensuous intimacy and open communication. I'm 38, GWM, 5'11", 168#, hairy. Likes: dominant, dynamic GWM to 45 at 6'+, proportional weight and hairy, who can join me hiking and camping. I'm Itln/Gr/Fr, good-looking. Enjoy: aerobics, art, Hawaii, golden retrievers and Amiga animations. Secure hunky guys who want to make the catch should send note and photo to: Boxholder, PO Box 193163, SF 94119.

Scorpios Love Romance
Fr/Ital. WM, 36, 6', 173, handsome, sexy, tan, dark/dark, nice body/legs, excellent dick, wants great-looking younger fuckbuddy (maybe more) in Hillsboro, starting May 1. You're a fun, smart, sensitive, confident, aggressive, slender, "hip dude" with bl/bl (opt.), great legs, and a big fat bone (not opt). My cottage, a little Stoli, a lotta fun! Call or write/photo. You'll be glad you did! Reply BT Box AP86A or call ★★5499.

Snuggle Buddy
Wanted by GWM, 35, 165 lbs., 6', HIV-, bottom, moustache, brown/hazel, in search of reasonably in-shape, decent-looking guy into holding, kissing, massaging, touching, listening to music and watching television. Please send photo with response. Reply BT Box AP87A or call ★★5500.

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Mellow
Blk daddy top, 6 ft., 195, 46 yrs. old and getting better, looking for submissive bottom pigs with experience who aim to please their man. I'm hung, uncut, sensuous. Titplay, aroma, massage, video, nice place to entertain you. Photo a must. Write to A.L., 1230 Market St., Box 615, SF 94102.

East Bay Blond
That's me, smooth, 29" waist, 5'8", attractive and tan, beautiful bubble butt! Seeks romantic, hairy, HIV- gent for dating. Call ★★5502.

North Bay Relationship
Handsome and sexy GWM, 53, 5'10", 168, blue eyes, trimmed beard, seeks attractive, masculine man for potential lifemate. Interests include bicycling, hiking, organic vegetable gardening, and weekend outings. Prefer HIV-, NS, light/ND, great shape. You are youthful at least in outlook, have a great sense of humor, and are easy to be around. Balding and hairy pluses. Outdoors-oriented triple pluses. Call ★★5503.

Searching For:
Handsome white male who enjoys dogs, is height/weight proportional, 35+, moustached. Likes exercising, outdoorsing, quiet nights. Not totally vanilla, aggressive, versatile (I'll give you plenty of reason to be). I offer all of the above plus a love of all music, movies, arts. I maintain a good physique with youthful attitude at 42. Write with photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP89A or call ★★5504.

Let's Get Naked
Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, green eyes, clean-cut, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) for fast response. Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★5505.

Friendship And Intimacy
GWM, 40, 5'11", 150, HIV+, prof. seeks: "relationship-oriented" man who is 30-45, enjoys intimate dinners at home, movies, outdoor activities, someone who enjoys intimacy, hugging, open communication, willingness to give and receive love, positive attitude, on a pathway to healing of mind, spirit and body, and medium to well-built body. Call ★★5506.

Friendly Oral
Very talented, late 30s, 5'10", 160 lbs., trim beard, hairy, brown/green, available evenings and some days, seek sexual friendship or just hot times. Open to all types of (trim) men and also love getting head. Call ★★5507.

Spring Is In The Air
And love is in the air! Or at least I'm looking for love. Is anyone else looking? It sure doesn't seem like it in SF! I have a lot to offer. I'm 29, 5'11", 170#, very handsome, affectionate, masculine, romantic, muscular, etc. Looking for same in a top. I like to bowl, camping, theater, movies, romantic nights, Italians, etc. Prefer photo/letter. Reply BT Box AP90A or call ★★5508.

Black Buddy Wanted
You: African American, very slender to defined, smooth, stable, like kids, FrA/P, maybe GrP. Me: GWM, 39, husky, hairy, bearded "bear" type, 5'11", 200 lbs., single parent (not much spare time), HIV-, nonsmoker, like cuddling, kissing, FrA/P, GrA. Us: get together for friendship, good communication, safe sex, whatever develops. Relationship possible. HIV status unimportant. Prefer East Bay. Reply BT Box AP91A or call ★★5509.

Time For A Change:
This 6', handsome, slender, 27 y.o. GBM would like to meet a GM for friendship and possible relationship. I'm a successful professional who spends too much time working and too little playing. It's time for a change! I'm fun and enjoy the company of sane, energetic people. I have great friends but would like to have that special someone to keep me warm during the cold, foggy SF nights—not to mention a desire for regular, passionate sex! My ideal companion would be tall, handsome, professional, HIV-, top or versatile, height/weight proportionate, 25-35 y.o., any race, and great in bed. Let's meet, talk and see what happens. Reply BT Box AP92A or call ★★5510.

Maui Country Boy
Early 30s, masculine man, looking for a friend and, if it feels right, a lover to share hiking, camping, beaching and sunsets with me in my beautiful island home. Willing to visit you in your City by the Bay for city fun or you can come to Maui countryside. PO Box 1289, Puunene, HI 96784 or call ★★5511.

Sow Your Wild Oats
Transplanted Japanese farmboy, 40s, searching for one big white farmboy to build a country style life together in The City. Let's roll in the haystack, plant the seed of a monogamous relationship, nurture it together and watch it grow. We'll enjoy the fruits of the seasons and the best that nature has to offer. I'm HIV- and so should you be. NS and light drinking OK. Reply BT Box AP93A or call ★★5512.

Lonely Heart
SWM, 32, 155 lbs., slim, good-looking, seeking a new partner, possible LTR, 25-30, slim, mature enough for relationship but young enough at heart to enjoy life. I smoke, love dancing, movies, quiet times for cuddling and honesty. I just lost my lover and need someone to fill a void in my life. Call ★★5513.

Easy To Love
Attractive graduate student in East Bay, 31, 6'4", 200#, dark hair, romantic, sensitive, desires to meet guys with similar outlook and interests: in old movies, music, sex, travel, food and languages. I tend to be a quiet non-conformist and like cute guys with a personality. Yes heat, no smoke. Please send a pleasant letter (photo optional). Reply BT Box AP94A or call ★★5514.

Love Is A Many Splendored Thing
Pleasant, sincere Asian, early 40s, nonsmoker, slightly overweight, seeks relationship with GWM or GAM, under 45. My varied interests include movies, music, computers, travels, dining out, fireplace chats, etc. We all need to share our joys and sorrows with that special person. I know that you are out there somewhere. "Your fingers touched my silent heart and taught it how to sing." Reply BT Box AP95A or call ★★5515.

Seize The Day!
Graduate student seeks a positive spirit to share some of life's moments. My interests are varied. However, I do enjoy music from classical to modern dance & rock; great food & wine; reading, movies, travel, spirituality, and I love to laugh. I like men who are good kissers, versatile, sensual and intelligent. I'm 33, HIV+, healthy, fit and nice-looking. So seize this day and let me hear from you. Call ★★5516.

Seeking Masculine Latin Man
For relationship/buddy. GWM, 35, slim, affectionate, romantic, HIV+, in good health, interests include hot sex, movies, weekend trips, dining out, Star Trek, massage, fun times, fun games in bed, quality time at home. Live in Redwood City. Call ★★5517.

B.B.C.
(Bookish British Chap), 60s, seeks men any age, race, to share SF life. I am hardworking, amiable, smart and sociable (not social), NS, ND. Will you join me for quiet times, walks, meals and laughs? If you appreciate the company of an older man please send a note (photo appreciated and returned). Responses from Asian Americans especially welcome. Reply BT Box AP96A or call ★★5518.

Sex & Friendship
Me: 54, Irishman, 5'9½", uncut, top, stay at home type. Ready for new experiences with you. You: young man, 20-35. Let's make love. Call ★★5519.

Sometimes
This good-looking white guy simply needs to worship clean, healthy, masculine Blacks and Asians. Your dick and balls. My mouth. Your place. Am 38, discreet, clean, HIV-, good body, masculine. No fucking, hassles or commitments. Good hot oral fun! Call ★★5520.

I Have What You Want
I'm tall, dark, extremely handsome, Irish/Greek, 37, 6', 175#, dark hair/eyes, moustache, masculine, well-built swimmer's body, sexy & hung well. With a well-rounded, optimistic & generous personality. If you've got what I want—a masculine, good-looking, well-endowed, well-built top, HIV healthy, sexually wild, who, like me, enjoys all kinds of outdoor activities & everything The City has to offer, who is naturally monogamous and fun to be with and believes it takes two men 100 percent to make it work—then I'm the quality man you would be proud to introduce as a lover or friend. Write w/photo (returnable) to BT Box AP97A or call ★★5521.

Dating Material
GJM, 40, 6', 165 lbs., HIV-, trim, gym-toned, energetic, short hair, cleanshaven, hazel eyes and a great smile. Happy, relaxed, romantic, versatile, affectionate, educated, well-traveled, sense of humor, non-drinker, love movies, theater, museums, dining in/out, quiet times at home, gardening and financially stable. Wish to meet a financially secure man, 35-45, lean, who shares some of the above interests and qualities. Not looking for perfection or a clone, but should be skilled in communicating and enjoy sleeping with another person. Chemistry is a must. Reply BT Box AP98A or call ★★5522.

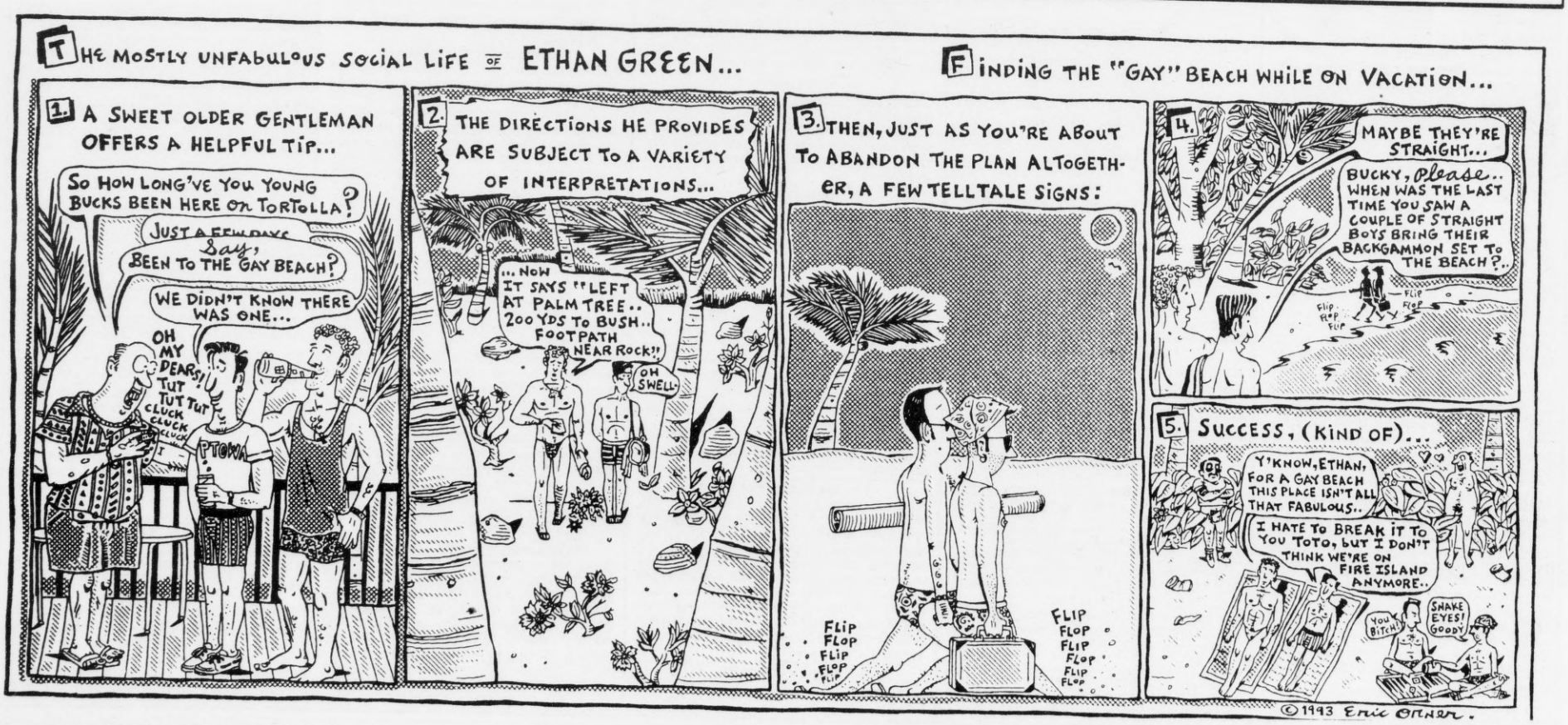
Afraid Of Intimacy?
So am I. But you have to explore it to get over it. I met a guy I really liked. He stayed the night. There was a lot of affection, holding, etc. I really thought there would be a second date. No chance. Isn't it time to take a chance? I'm 29, very attractive, handsome, masculine, muscular, romantic. Looking for the same in a top. Photo/letter gets first reply. Reply BT Box AP99A or call ★★5523.

Buscando
GWM, 36, seeks GLM, 22-45, for life adventure. If you'd like to spend the summer in Spain, the winter in Argentina, and the rest of your life doing what you've never done, seeing what you've never seen, going where you've never been and learning what you don't know, then pack your bag (please, just one) and let's go. I'm romantic, funny, a good cook and a classical music lover and I'm looking for someone who can commit, trust and share. Interested? Take a plunge. Need more details? I'll tell you everything you need to know. Reply BT Box AP100A or call ★★5524.

Where Are You?
42 y.o. GWM, professional, 5'9", 170#, red, blue, smooth, romantic, bottom, lonely, shy, healthy, HIV+. Seeks 26-40 y.o. gay white/Asian male, top/versatile, seeking long-term relationship/lover or just sex. I enjoy nudity, beach, outdoors, quiet times at home, cuddling, hugging, kissing, movies, satisfying my partner, giving French, getting Greek. If this ad interests you, write or call. Reply BT Box AP101A or call ★★5525.

Gentleman Sought By Shy Guy
Shy, busy GWM, 6'1", 185#, top, healthy and handsome seeks intelligent, healthy, professional, good-looking man with an easygoing style, sense of humor, into great conversations, dinners, movies, theater, travel. 35-60 y.o., any race welcome. Call ★★5526.

Are You Ticklish?
I can usually find ticklish areas on people who claim they're not ticklish. My fantasy is tickling a hot GM, similar aged or younger, and watching him writhe and squirm in ecstatic frenzy. Does this idea make you hot? GWM, 28, 5'10", 185 lbs., br/br, HIV-, seeks his submissive counter-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Bright Eyes Seeks Asian

GWM, 6', 175#, 30s, pleasant-looking with hazel eyes and soft brown hair is seeking a slim, cleanshaven Asian guy (under 40) for companionship, friendship and hopefully more. I'm loving, caring, kind, sincere, honest, healthy and I look for these same qualities from you. I'm a nice person with a good heart so why don't we get to know each other. Reply BT Box AP103A or call ★★5529.

Leather Fetish Sex

Sexually versatile, HIV- GWM seeks HIV- partner who enjoys doing it in leather: bareassed penetration in chaps, bumping and grinding in leather jocks, bondage in full leather, dominance and submission in hoods, mug muzzling gloves, in your face codpieces, tall boots, skintight gear —leather! I'm handsome, 40, 5'10", 155#, with a nice build, a great personality, and a playful and intense sexual imagination. Reply BT Box AP104A or call ★★5530.

Tender Kisses And More?

Sweetheart of a guy looking for affectionate men interested in dating our way into love. I'm a bright, attractive GWM, 30something; many interests including arts, politics, spirituality. Seeking nonsmokers with a sense of humor & positive self-esteem. Let's get together over pizza or popcorn and share our dreams. Hawaiian honeymoon, anyone? Reply with friendly photo (returned upon request) and letter: Boxholder, 584 Castro St., Box 308, SF 94114 or call ★★5531.

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This GAM, Chinese, is seeking fun and friendship with white/Hispanic males under 30. I'm a young, boyish, fun, active, 22, 5'7", blk/brn and 160# guy. Not sexually active, but likes are kissing/cuddling/making out and romping in the bed with other fun guys. Can't say I'm a top or bottom, guess we'll just have to experiment...? Not looking for relationship, but wouldn't mind if it happens. Reply BT Box AP105A or call ★★5532.

Sincerely Seeking Companion

Who shares passion for the arts, literature and outdoors. I'm an attractive GWM, 29, 5'7", 140#, NS/ND, HIV-, physically good shape, emotionally centered; energetic, eclectic, optimistic and caring. Job and creative pursuits absorb percent of time, but hope to share rest with a kind, friendly soul, 27-30s, with similar and other intriguing qualities. Detailed letter appreciated, photo helpful. Reply BT Box AP106A.

Romantic

GWM, 170 lbs., 6'2", brown eyes, long brown hair, young 41, HIV-, seeks friend then lover. I like plays, long talks, running, coffeehouses, movies, parks, beaches and someone to share these. I usually like men my age or younger who have some of the same interests. Call ★★5533.

All I Need Is You

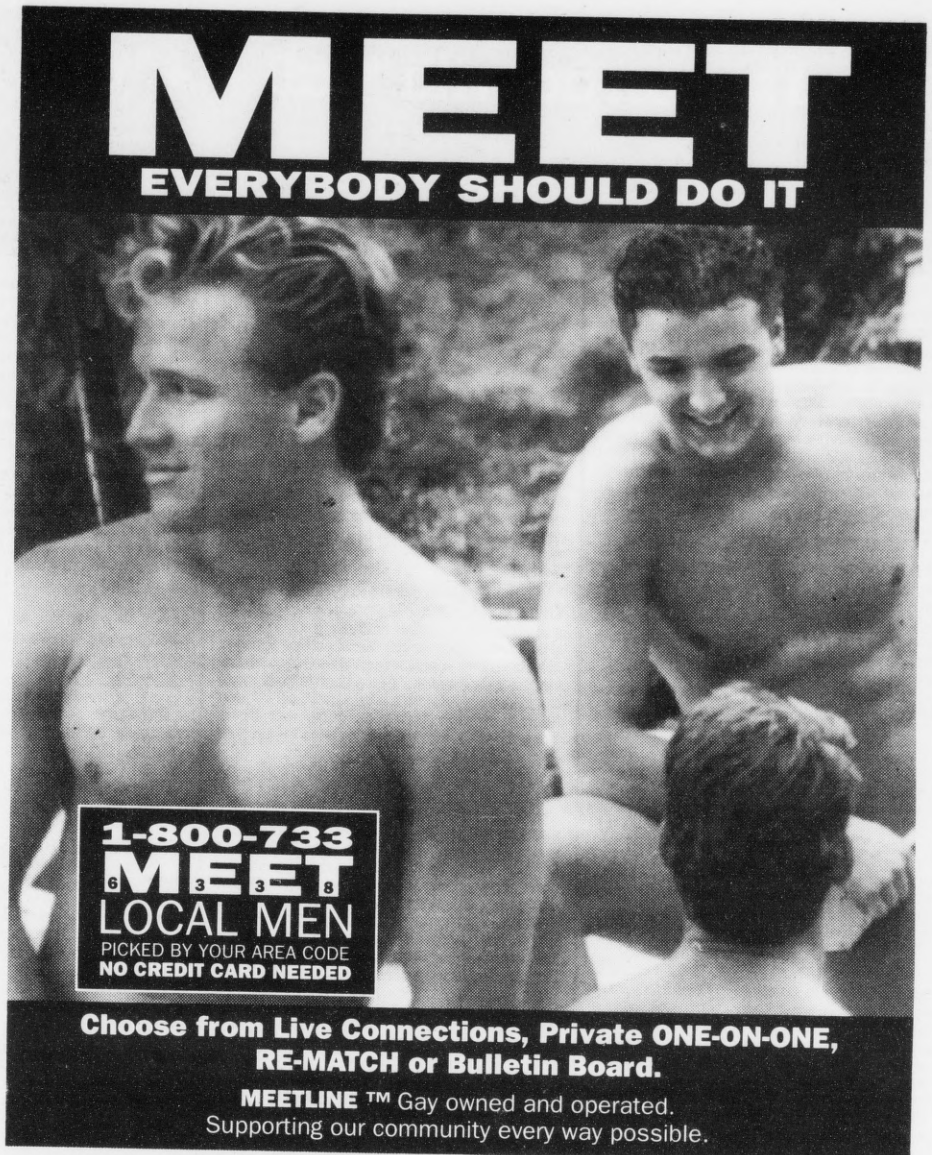
GWM, 45, 5'10", 150, brn/grn, HIV-, considerate, honest, shy, affectionate. Likes sci fi, Buddhism, movies, classical music, Macintosh, sharing quiet times together. Seeking friendship with good people. Want monogamous relationship. Looking for GWM very slender only, 30-45, integrity, sincerity, affectionate, positive outlook. Prefer very slender, dark-haired, little body hair, bottom. No drugs, no smoking. PO Box 642, Los Altos 94023 or call ★★5534.

Stop! I'm Worth It!

GWM, 37, HIV+, 8 years 12-step recovery, smoke-, alcohol-, drug-free, 6', 160 lbs., very good-looking, intelligent, emotionally present & available, sexually versatile. Love to CW dance, swim and am actively involved in having a life. R U between 28-45, NS, no drugs, no problem with alcohol, versatile, emotionally available, sense of humor, willing to experiment? I'm looking for an intellectual, emotional & sexual peer. R U willing to live life on your terms? I've spent a lot of time making the best me I can, it'd be nice to find the same. Call ★★5535.

Sex Buddy

East/South Bay bisexual W. male, youthful spirit, ready willing attitude, mature body, cleanshaven, short hair/bald, HIV-, ht/wt proportional (5'10", 160), good person, caring, ND, NS, seeking sex friends, any age, color, race, dick size, culture, physical imperfections OK, not seeking LT relationship;. Looking for good, friendly, responsible, responsive men, possibly shy, who will join me for dinner and an overnighter in your bed. Communication, openness, honesty yes. No Greek. Closeness, nudity, touching, rubbing, kissing, tasting, massaging, hugging yes. You need not be good-looking, muscle-toned, suntanned and young. I'm not, so I don't take/send photos. If you are, great. All horny, needy males welcome. Pluses: East/South Bay, mature, smooth, reliable, like oral work on hard-on and massage. Write today. Failing to plan is planning to fail. Dick-Buddy, PO Box 907, Fremont 94537 or call ★★5536.



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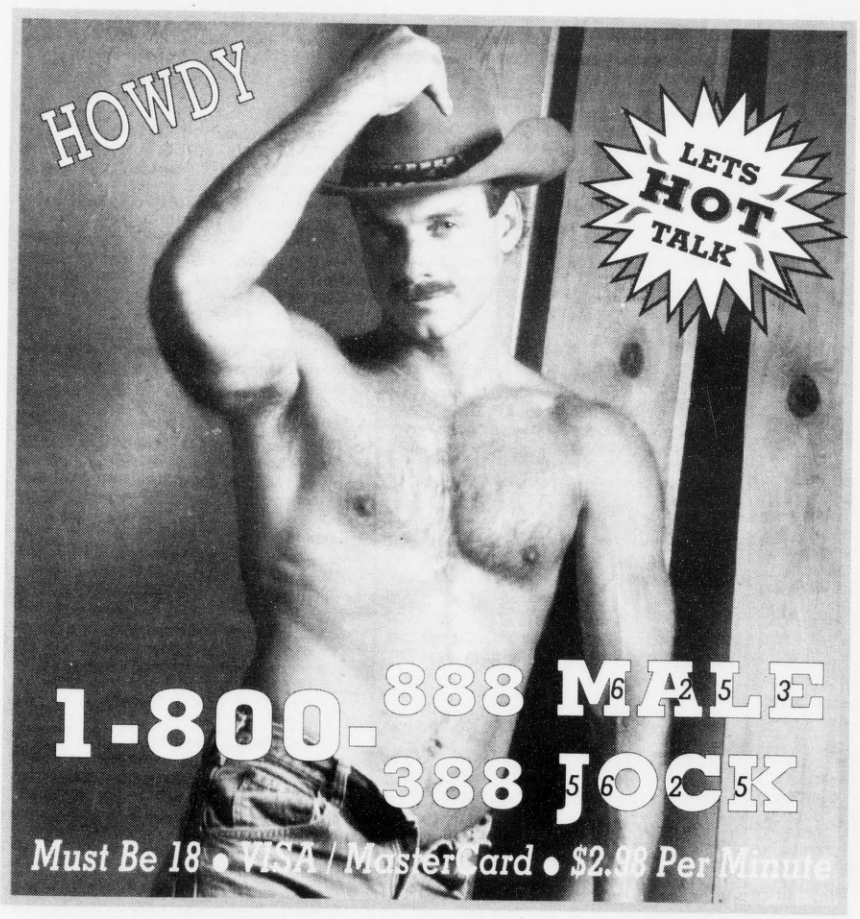

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Handsome GWM, 31, 6', 150#, brown/green, moustache, trim beard. Live in Oakland near Lake Merritt. I have many good qualities that I would like to share with someone special. Not seeking Soloflex body or perfect looks, but rather the soul that lies within. I'm introspective, creative, goal/growth-oriented, romantic, occasional day-dreamer, quiet observer, interests include music (KKSF), KQED, cooking, matinees, reading, history, friends, picnics, nature, plants. Not into the bar scene. Nonsmoker seeking same. Attracted to GAM/GWM around my age. Reply BT Box AP107A.

Amateur Video

Shy healthy average-looking somewhat exhibitionistic GWM in 40s would like to correspond with or meet amateur video buffs around same age. Let's exchange explicit videos and ideas—one of your tapes gets one of mine. All variations welcome—J/O, self-suck, dildos, nipple stimulation, water sports, big balls, etc. Serious only write to: Boxholder, 740A - 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★5537.

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"Happy... Happy... In spite of everything, I want to be happy, if mercifuilly so, I want it. Oh, my love, if you just say the word it could be... Forever... Forever. The best, the worst, my darling, we'll share it, but the worst for me would be to lose you. Oh, my darling, it can't be. Happy darling in spite of everything. You... and... me." Me: shy, honest, sincere, attractive teddy bear, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs. Interests include: music, plays, cabaret. You: attractive GWM, 21-35. Loyalty a must. Call ★★5538.

Either/Or

It's taken a while, but I think I've finally figured it out. Either you're 30-35, bright, about my size, enthusiastic, very cute and loving, and you like to be held, to talk all night and make love at dawn, and you want a faithful older guy in your life with whom you can share your dreams. Or... you're older, bigger, quiet, masculine, solid, very well-endowed, and would like a buddy for frequent, safe, mutual, exclusively oral sessions with no strings attached. I'm 45, 5'6", 130, hairy, moustached, HIV- and nice-looking. On one hand I have a weakness for gentle, affectionate, younger men with beautiful eyes and an artistic side. On the other, a deep-voiced, direct, sexually responsive, mature stud gets my attention. Either way, whether it's for a lifetime or just a couple of hours a week, I know for sure I want a good man around again. Please, no opera fanatics, school-teachers, jaded cynics, sexually compulsive drunks, or screaming egotists. A letter and photo would be great. Reply BT Box AP108A or call ★★5539.

Italian Descent Seeks Northern Descent

Very good-looking GWM, NS, 38, 168#, tight body, 5'11", adventurer, HIV-, moderately hairy, seeks buffed GWM to 43, 6'+, proportional weight, NS, and hairy. I like to be of service, do aerobics, enjoy the arts, hike, travel, share open communication, integrity, spirit and a rich life with a secure, masculine, dominant buddy. Take the step to a rewarding encounter and send note and photo (a must) to: Boxholder, PO Box 193163, SF 94119.

I Believe

In the possibility of a romantic-erotic love between older and younger men who are mature, responsible and nurturing. I'm 56, 6'2", 195 lbs., br/br, graying, thinning hair, hairy, HIV- top, serious, intelligent, quiet. Seeking a 25 to 40 y.o., lean, defined, sweet-natured, HIV- GWM who values intelligence, simplicity, honesty, spiritual serenity and the search. PO Box 640253, SF 94164 or call ★★5540.

Solano County

GWM, 30, 6'3", 180, would like to meet singles or couples around the Fairfield area for friendship or possibly more. I'm new to the area and know no one here. Reply BT Box AP109A or call ★★5541.

Bright Eyes Seeks Asian

GWM, 6', 175#, 30s, pleasant-looking with hazel eyes and soft brown hair is seeking a slim, clean-shaven Asian guy (under 40) for companionship, friendship and hopefully more. I'm loving, caring, kind, sincere, honest, healthy and I look for these qualities from you. I'm a nice person with a good heart so why don't we get to know each other. Reply BT Box AP110A or call ★★5542.

Relationship!

Attractive, professional, HIV+, very healthy & high energy, comfortable, assertive GWM available to share an already fulfilling life. The passions of my life (thus far) are: my home as a sanctuary, a deeply satisfying career, loving and supportive friends and family, working out at the gym, experiencing comfort in both gregarious as well as alone situations, hiking, bargain hunting, flea markets, horseback riding, theater, travel, plants, quiet evenings at home enjoying thoughtfully prepared meals in a romantic and delightful atmosphere, and appreciating the sense of spirituality and joy of being a very positive HIV+ person who continues to deeply enjoy life. Physically, I'm 5'7" tall, 155 lbs., sparkling blue eyes, curly brown hair, moustache, dimples, and I frequently smile as I realize that my 50 years on this planet have blessed me with a most youthful appearance, joy, health and wonderment. If you also take good care of your health and body, are emotionally stable, consider yourself physically attractive, intellectually challenge yourself, are not HIV+ phobic, are able to give as well as receive, wanting yet not needing me, and are interested in exploring the possibilities of a wonderful man such as myself in your life, call ★★5543.

Experienced Outdoorsman Wanted

The snow is melting, the weather is warming up, and I'm ready to meet a masculine GWM, 25-40, to enjoy it all with: hiking, backpacking, bicycling, motorcycles—just the two of us and nature. I'm a 33-year-old GWM, brown hair, blue eyes, short beard, nonsmoker, HIV-, stable, somewhat health conscious and relationship-oriented. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★5544.

Educated Asian

South Bay GAM, 29, 5'8", slim, dependable, employed, college graduate, no smoke/drug. Like antiques, arts, classical music, beaches and quiet evenings. Seek intelligent, stable GWM, 29-45, for long-term monogamous relationship, friendship first. Reply BT Box AP111A or call ★★5545.

Opposite Attraction

Attractive, muscular, Germanic, 6'1", br/bl, cleanshaven GWM, early 40s, seeks dating/relationship with slender, boyish and cute GWM, 20s-30s. (Blonds, Nordic, smooth a plus.) I am somewhat shy, gentle, caring, affectionate, open-minded, love skiing, motorcycling, hiking, nature, quiet romantic times, travel, culture. I am a healthy HIV+ (if that matters), NS, computer professional. You, just be that special cute guy described above and, together, we'll check the chemistry. Call ★★5546.

3-Way

Good-looking GWM, 33, 5'10", 155 lbs. and GAM, 35, 5'7", 140 lbs., looking for a third partner for some good safe hot sex. We are both versatile. You must be masculine, good-looking GM between 35-45 yrs. old. Height proportionate to weight. No drugs or booze. Sex and good time. Reply BT Box AP112A or call ★★5547.

London Theater Buff

Mature, slim, youthful Brit, with West End apt., seeks cute, young, intelligent, Asian pen pal with view to exchange visits. Not seeking accommodations. Interests include travel, video, dance clubs, theater, esp. musicals & cabaret. I am active but not athletic. Please send photo. Reply BT Box AP113A or call ★★5548.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o., short guy, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. You are any age, healthy, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★5549.

Where's The Beef?

WM, 47, 5'10", 215 lbs., masculine and sincere, looking for masculine, sexually versatile, chubby guys for fun and friendship. Send photo to PO Box 15093, SF 94115 or call ★★5550.

Is There A Conspiracy?!

I'm not normally prone to such theories, but I'm convinced there's a plot to deny me romance in this, the most romantic of cities. Try as I might, all but sexy one-nighters (tasty but not very nourishing) elude me. Sustained partnership is my (lofty) goal, but even some good dates would be nice. Know the feeling? I'm 28, cute, bright, stable; into jazz, film, words, clean lungs, conversation, sincerity. Call ★★5551.

Whatever Turns You On

What's your recipe for love? Sometimes the most improbable things make a man appealing. My list: brains (more than beauty), black hair, honesty, orthodonture, Asians, affection, homemade pasta, nipples, gardening, smooth butts, three alarm Hunan, good conversation, opera, optimism, beaches, great kissing. If your list is similar, let's talk. I'm 40, busy, successful, interesting and occasionally accused of being handsome. Interested in fun dates, maybe more. Call ★★5552.

Eurasian/Amerasian/Chin.

Bi/str/gay for fantasy massage by discreet, masculine, BiWM, 30s, with hot mouth and trim, tight butt, HIV-, uninhibited, safe, no commitment, just hot horny fun. You are 18-30, HIV-, experimental, smooth, trim, slender to hunky, NS/ND. My fantasy is to massage two of you at the same time—but this is your fantasy. Call ★★5553.

Quality Times

GBM (top), 25, 6'6½", 245 lbs., who enjoys quality time and the finer points in life. I'm muscular and very fit. I enjoy spending quality time with that special someone. Could this be you? If you're over 6', 30-45 yrs of age, have a muscular build and a masculine (bottom), I would enjoy meeting you and spending some quality time. (Leathermen are encouraged to reply.) Call ★★5554.

Peter Cottontail Seeks Easter Bunny

Cute GWM, 31, 5'11", 140 gym-toned lbs., brown hair/eyes, HIV-, clean-cut, professional, honest, sincere, sensitive, romantic, looking for cute, muscular GLM, GAM or GJM with similar qualities for dating and possibly more. You should be between a mature 28 and youthful 40, have a good sense of humor, enjoy film, theater, the outdoors, going out to eat, or having a candlelight dinner at home, various types of music, dancing, travel, and discovering things together for the first time. Not into drugs or drinking. If you hop on over to my hutch and put all your eggs in one basket, you won't be sorry. Some bunny out there dreams of happiness with you. Respond with letter & current photo. All photos returned. Reply BT Box AP114A.

Playmate/Soulmate?

Do you enjoy nude sunbathing in the wilderness beside a rushing river? Is steak something you rarely order in restaurants? Do you keep that hairless chest well-defined? Are you trying to balance your spiritual and sexual energies? If so, and you're cleanshaven without too much body hair, then call this handsome and fit, 6'2" Southerner, bk/gr, 170#, who's new to The City. Reply BT Box AP115A or call ★★5555.

Boy-To-Boy

Boyishly handsome guy, 36, seeks younger intense top boy to feed me his cock and talk philosophy afterwards. Live in Sacramento. Seek local boy or weekend partner in Bay Area. Write PO Box 161732, Sacramento 95816 or call ★★5556.

Short, Dark & Passionate

About life. More specifically, art, architecture, travel, dining, health, friends, career and last but certainly not least, romance. I'm 5'5", 31, 133 lbs., br/br, HIV-, well-built, masculine and Jewish. You're someone who's warm, confident, intelligent, creative and doesn't take yourself too seriously. You're well-built, HIV-, 25-36, NS, ND. If that's you, let me know. Call ★★5557.

Masculine Guys

GWM, 46, 5'9", 185#, looking for a masculine, preferably hirsute guy. New to The City, I want someone to share new experiences with. Interested in culture, politics, etc. A European would be great. Call ★★5558.

Looking To Meet Asians

Attractive, 40s, and fit, South Bay, GWM, 5'10", 155 lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, looking to meet younger GAM, 25-40. I'm young-looking, straight-looking, college educated, with a professional career. I'm honest and sincere and value that in others. I want to develop a friendship first and hopefully a long-term monogamous relationship. Call ★★5559.

Tired Of The Bar Scene

Me: Extremely good-looking (so I've been told), 5'8", 150 lbs., great muscular physique (work out six days a week), 32 (look mid-20s), mixed background (look Italian), healthy HIV+. Into healthy lifestyle, meaning: no drugs, cigs, pot, alcohol & pretty much vegetarian diet. Spiritually into metaphysics. You should be similar to the above description, easygoing, and open to a monogamous friendship/relationship. Some interests: travel, cooking, staying home, animals, global awareness, justice, people's rights, honesty, truth, love and on and on. Please send photo & letter (photos returned on request). Reply BT Box AP116A.

Asian Fantasies

WM, late 40s, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks Asian into muscle/strength showoff or domination scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You have me feel your strength as you win in arm wrestling. Or maybe you're an Asian master needing a slave to service you from feet to armpits. Also seeking big Asian cocks. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★5560.

Friends, Boyfriends, Countrymen...

Sought by GWM, 25, devastating face and body. Temporarily in prison, first and last time. Into politics, computers, music (Depeche, Duran, etc.). Very outgoing, lonely and intelligent. Looking for 18-28. Sincere only; no scams. Photo available. Write: R.R., D-34119, Rm 1396, San Luis Obispo 93409.

Tall GWM Wanted

For a non-sexual friendship with same. Me: 6'2", 193#, solid, muscular BB, mature and healthy. You: tall, fit, any age and a nonsmoker. We: both seek relaxed and intimate times together, whether it be a night at the symphony, a stroll in the park, or having coffee together. Call ★★5561.

Why Do Alone

What two can enjoy? In-shape mid-aged GWM, slender, 5'8", HIV-, dark beard, balding, upbeat personality, seeks congenial company for leisurely daytime JO and 69 sessions. You: trim build, good health, amiable, sense of humor, playful/enthusiastic nature. Let's get acquainted over a cup of coffee. If there's a mutual attraction we can spend the afternoon making each other happy. Call ★★5562.

Once Upon A Time

In a kingdom by the sea, a boy from the South found himself happily. Yet all was not right, something was amiss. He knew that it'd take more than one night and more than a kiss. In frustration he was heard to shout: Where are the guys who wanna go out? Meet, walk, eat, talk. If all goes to plan, call up next week and do it again. So give me a call; please don't wait. Time's a-wastin' and I could use a really good date. Call ★★5563.

Hopeless (But Hopeful) Romantic

27 y.o. GAM, 5'6", 120 lbs., sincere, professional, attractive, romantic, recently relocated from New York seeks other romantics, aged 25-35, ethnicity unimportant. Passions for me include: food, movies, travel, quiet times, and great conversation. Dislike the bar scene and looking forward to meeting new friends. Call ★★5564.

Slim Asian Wanted

Warm WM, youthful 42 years, 6'2", 175 lbs., trim, cleanshaven, blue eyes, HIV-, seeking warm-hearted, slim to skinny Asian, 19-35, for boyfriend or possible lover. I'm nonsmoking, affectionate, good listener, healthy. Plus if you have some interest in exercise, are foreign born, somewhat shy and don't like bars. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 210202, SF 94121-0202 or call ★★5565.

Mature Male Seeks Same For Lover

Ex-San Franciscan, GWM, 48, 5'7", 190 lbs., average looks, glasses, bald, beard, fair skin, nonsmoker, mod. drink, HIV-, skilled graphic artist wants to hear from GWM, age 48 to 60, HIV-, nonsmoker who is secure, settled and living in San Francisco. You enjoy the arts and quiet home life. Will relocate. Write: PO Box 5103, Orange 92613.

Hey, What's Up?

I'm just your basic, good-looking, muscular, masculine, GAM, 28, 5'10", 168 lbs., looking for a cute, masculine, muscular guy around my age for fun times together/to bum around with. Please be NS and ND. Call ★★5566.

Show Me, Now!

Watch me as I show off my "iron fan" chest and hard straight back. People say how very broad and impressive they are. Like a tree, I'm sturdy, silent, strong and yet alive. I'm 25, 5'10", 175 lbs., muscular and defined Asian American. Seek similar man for hot man-to-man sessions. Send letter and interesting photo (will return with my interesting photo). Reply BT Box AP117A or call ★★5567.

Lost Ad (40 To 55 Sought)

If you responded to the following ad by telephone, please call again or write. I lost the secret code and cannot access the computer. "40 To 55 Sought—By 45, Caucasian, 5'10", 160#, balding, healthy, HIV-, intelligent, sensitive and affectionate male. All races welcome. I'm seeking someone with emotional maturity, having gained some (I believe) myself. Have good sense of humor. I like outdoors, intelligent socializing. 537 Jones St., #8778, SF 94102 or call ★★5568.

Seeking Monogamous Mate

Masculine, sensitive, affectionate GWM, late 40s, 6'3", 190#, balding, hairy chest, attractive, seeks slim, tight-waisted, handsome lifemate. 20s to 40s, who's primarily focused on monogamy, homelife, hot sex, masculine intimacy. Nonsmoker, drug-free, HIV- only. Call ★★5569.

Gentle: Affectionate

Vanilla bottom, orally versatile, seeks gentle sexual friends comfortable making first move, early evenings/weekends. Cuddling, kissing, sleepovers important. 6', 160#, blue, brown/gray, beard, glasses, 42, asymptomatic HIV+. Financially conservative, nostalgic, humorous. No smoke/drugs/heavy drink. Enjoy cats, dogs, forests, simple meals, plays, concerts, movies, television, museums, history, comedy. Not enthusiast of dancing, sports, gambling, opera, Los Angeles, automobiles, conspicuous consumption. Oakland, Berkeley, San Francisco. Call ★★5570.

Hot, Masculine, Hungry

5'10", 170 lbs., in-shape/muscular, good-looking, 39 y.o., healthy HIV+, very minor KS, professional Italian/German, brown curly hair, green eyes, clean-cut, cleanshaven, active, always ready. Looking for relationship or regular buddy who likes to receive frequent expert head for hours. Much more. Be in-shape, under 50, GWM/GLM, with a strong libido and ready for the best. Call ★★5571.

Tall, Romantic Nature Lover Seeks Life Partner

Someone who lives alone, a homebody and is very sensitive, affectionate, playful, loves to smile, thoughtful, supportive, generous, humble, yet strong, easygoing, communicative, good listener, nonjudgmental, growth-oriented, health-conscious, optimistic and not afraid of deep emotional intimacy and commitment. Someone who has a deep passion and reverence for all nature and lives or wants to live in the country someday. I'm 6'2", 180 lbs. of lean, tight, muscular, hairy, hot sensuality with deepset sexy blue eyes, sensual lips, short goatee, real short hair and warm smile. Considered good-looking. I'm very masculine, yet very sensitive, gentle and childlike. I'm an affectionate, aggressive, enthusiastic bottom, masterful long-tongued oral expert, great kisser, passionate cuddler with strong, talented, exploring hands, super-sensitive nipples and tight celibate yet eager rear. My interests include: hiking, camping, gardening, pets, movies, body-building, nurturing massage exchange, soothing music, yoga, holistic healing, simple meals, sharing simple pleasures, laughter and open honest communication. Shy, yet articulate loners encouraged. Please be descriptive. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★5572.

Ready To Stop Fooling Around?

I'm a handsome, intelligent and well-built Irish American (5'11", 160 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, 48, asymptomatic HIV+). I live a full life with good friends, like to cook, swim, hike the mountains, travel, read, argue politics (left), immerse myself in music, work out, write and collect wine (my profession). I enjoy sex without predetermined roles, limitations or guilt. But I also value something extra: intimacy, companionship. If this strikes a resonant chord and if you're: smart, sex-positive, energetic, under 40, HIV+ or very comfortable with same, and if you don't take yourself too seriously, then let's hear from you. I have a particular weakness for men with glasses, flat stomachs, cats, and horror movies—but everything's negotiable. Reply BT Box AP118A or call ★★5573.

Looking For A Bottom Wife

Husband topman, 34, 5'9", 181 lbs., in-shape, blond, blue eyes, tan, bodybuilder, HIV-, looking for Latino, Asian, under 5'7", with muscular hot body, nice butt, good-looking, clean, HIV-, NS, ND. Interested in a relationship with a real man. Get real with me. Send letter with photo. Reply BT Box AP119A or call ★★5574.

Double Mint Classified

Small grain high quality Asian looking for two separate situations: (1) Smooth/slim Asian (or ?) between 25-35. We have a positive outlook, like learning, exploring and "being there" for each other. Stability a must. Good-natured and compassion for others desirable. (2) Safe-sex bondage buddy who enjoys the thrill of being restrained. Respond: H.O., 350 7th Ave., Box 75, SF 94118.

Friend, Date, Partner?

Attractive, masculine, intelligent, secure, 46 y.o. GWM looking for early evening encounters—in and out of the sack. I am 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-, healthy, in-shape, with a good heart and an open mind, looking for other lean guys my own age or younger who are affectionate, responsible, and articulate, who are also looking for support, companionship and physical intimacy. If you have something special to offer, reply BT Box AP120A or call ★★5575.

Wanna Be Tied Up?

I'm looking for men like you who relish the idea of being bound with ropes, restrained with cuffs, or spreadeagled while tactile sensations deluge your entire body as you strain against the bonds that hold you and your rock hard cock. I'm talking hours, not minutes, of heightened sexual energy to be released in a totally safe environ-

ment. Safe sex only and absolutely no drugs. First timers OK, but only the seriously interested should reply. Let's see if our fantasies can co-exist. Reply BT Box AP121A.

A Regular Guy

This is about a regular guy who is of Asian descent, 5'11", 175#, 36, that recently decided he should get serious about getting to know the other side of himself. He has always known that since he was a child, there was another side of him that existed and he pretty much ignored it and chose to lead a straight life. But now, he's ready to pursue his inner feelings and live his life to his fullest potential by meeting a bi/gay Asian who's like me, "a regular type of guy" who can be his equal, friend and lover. This ideal type of person is around 6' (give or take a few), weight/height proportionate, 26-36, mature, straight-acting, honest, sensitive, affectionate, emotionally stable, outgoing, considerate, funny, witty, not caught up in worldly possessions, healthy, HIV-, and NS. He should also enjoy the outdoors, dining out, home-cooked meals, flicks, and other simple pleasures of life because he is "a regular guy," like me. Call ★★5576.

Bondage Boys Looking For A Third

Two newcomers to bondage (one top, one bottom; both late 30s) looking for another bottom to have some fun. Tight binds and light S/M get our blood flowing. Reply BT Box AP122A.

A Solid Citizen

Good-natured, earthy and, at times, unconventional. Fortyish, Jewish and toppish (HIV-). With a solid, stocky build and a light, graceful spirit. I particularly like skinny intellectuals, with kind hearts and creative temperaments. Prefer HIV-, sexually submissive, between 30-45 y.o. Interests include: exploring inside and out, quiet times at home and traveling abroad. Politically involved but not necessarily correct. If you're interested, please call. Reply BT Box AP123A or call ★★5577.

A Taste Of Things To Come

Want to taste what I've been missing. Very attractive Leo, 31, bl/gr eyes, blond, 6'1", 185#, pumped, wants to taste the sweetest fruit of stunning, masculine man (similar age & build, any color) who is versatile in bed & out. I'm intense, but the easier, relaxed side is there, waiting to be uncovered by your smile, eyes, strong hands, sophisticated & understanding nature. Come on! Give a taste of what you keep hidden. Preferable reply: letter & photo to BT Box AP124A or call ★★5578.

Massage Exchange

Looking for man to do bodywork with all forms of massage. Youngish 42, HIV+, with mild KS, 5'10", 150 lbs., dark hair & eyes, Italian, good-looking, upbeat, spiritual man, into men's movement & faeries, metaphysics & healing arts, the outdoors, yoga, biking & gym. I am looking for similar types, nonsmokers, 30ish & 40ish. Also looking for any kind of relationship, friend, lover or soulmate. Live in the North Oakland area. Reply BT Box AP125A or call ★★5579.

I have a feeling you are close to my age (29), are educated and ambitious, know when to work and when to play, and have a PhD in love that you just haven't put to use yet. I often feel like a '50s het boy trapped in a '90s homo world and I don't necessarily view co-dependency as a bad thing in a relationship. Sex is great, but the hours we spend in bed holding six conversations at once are what really turn me on. Now that I know who I am, it is time to share my life with you. This is the latest mountain I am climbing to find you, and if it is finally time, come get me. Reply BT Box AP126A or call ★★5580.

No A-Gays Please

A cute GWM, 33 (acts younger), is seeking someone that, like himself, doesn't quite fit in. What I wear at the gym is not from the "International Male Collection" and I prefer the "Home Shopper's Club" to Macy's. For a night out, I'd opt for a Klubstitute show to the opera or a good funky rave to the gay club scene. My job is rewarding, though I hate meetings (except for the donuts) and I should wear a suit and tie (I won't). So if you've read this far and you sort of feel the same way, keep your eyes open for a dark blond about 5'7", 138 lbs., wearing 30"x30" jeans, comfortable shoes, enjoying a peaceful pint at the Orbit Room, it could be me, or call ★★5581.

Waiting For You

Watching movies had me waiting for the perfect man to come and sweep me off my feet. Now I realize perfection isn't everything. I want someone a bit off center, creative, intelligent, diverse and versatile. I refuse to limit myself, why should you. You should be handsome, 23-35, weight/height proportionate, and have a sense of humor. I'm a handsome BGM, 24, 155, 5'9", HIV-. Let's make a whole new movie together. Call ★★5582.

Tall, Dark, Hairy And Handsome

6'7", 250 pounds, dark hair and moustache, blue/green eyes, cleanshaven, 29-yr-old, Leo. Recently moved to East Bay from Laguna Beach, business manager for large corp. would like to meet masculine, intelligent, affluent man, who believes in himself as well as monogamy. Age is not important to me, honesty and sincerity are. Some points of interest: home life as well as travel, jacuzzi, animals, good movies on the wide screen, a fire in the fireplace, family and friends over for dinner, all kinds of music, charitable events. Call ★★5583.

Sonoma/Marin

26-year-old, tall, slim, Caucasian, vegetarian student who is HIV-, sexually bottom, shy and affectionate with metaphysical beliefs, environmental concerns and a healthy lifestyle, seeking a tall, under 40, HIV-, health-conscious, local, monogamous man with similar qualities for friendship. Please no substance users. Respond with photo to BT Box AP127A.

Kinky Party Guys

Mid-30s, masculine, muscular guy seeks other party dudes into dominance/submission, fantasies, role-play, 3-ways, toys, etc. Let's get down and nasty together. Let me know what you're into. Call ★★5584.

Wanted: Not Just Great Sex

Affection, companionship, good communication are equally important. You like long walks (with my dog), attending theater/movies, dining in and out, occasional bicycling, drives in the country, art/architecture, travel, quiet times, good conversation and socializing. You are preferably: attractive; 30-40; trim/in-shape/firm body; cleanshaven; gentle; nurturing; warm; masculine; self-confident; not religious; HIV-; nonsmoking; with a good sense of humor. I'm a young 41, Jewish (non-practicing), architect, 5'9", br/br, 147 lbs., attractive, muscular/trim, HIV-, a transplanted Easterner with an infectious sense of humor, a caring demeanor and realistic expectations. Interested? Send photo and letter. Reply BT Box AP128A or call ★★5585.

Boyfriend Ready

I have a great life but it's missing one thing... a boyfriend! Me: ready to commit, handsome, hung, masculine, GWM, Tahoe skier, car nut, jet skier, bike rider, great cook, hiker, homeowner, 35, HIV-, 6', 165 lbs., receding brn/blue, runner's build. You: 25-35, outside SF, cleanshaven or 'stache, HIV-, masculine, good shape to beefy, athletic, no kink or 12-steppers! Reply BT Box AP129A or call ★★5586.

Devoted To The Right Guy

Handsome GAM wants to find a good-looking GWM (21-34) for committed relationship. I'm 26, 5'10", 160 muscular lbs., HIV-, cheerful, romantic, great sense of humor, not into bar scene. I want to meet an honest, sincere, romantic, in-shape guy (HIV-, NS/ND) to share our lives together. If you think you're the right guy, please write (with photo) or call. Hope to hear from you. Reply BT Box AP130A or call ★★5587.

Good News For Chasers:

I don't run very fast; at 5'8", 340 lbs., who does? GBM, 33, fun-loving, affectionate, great kisser! Likes reading, music, old movies... NS/ND, FrA/P, GrP, HIV- Safety essential. Seeks: GL/A/WM, 33-45, HIV-, proportional, NS/ND, top (hairy, hung a+), emotionally available, financially stable for cheap dates and weekends in bed. Catch me, catch me! Reply BT Box AP131A or call ★★5588.

Hitting Sixty

But playing ball alone gets boring. Healthy, NS/ND, light alcohol, mutual J/O. No strings. You: healthy, 35-50, comfortable with the mellow maturity of an older man for fun only. Reply BT Box AP132A or call ★★5589.

Balance

Let's meet in the middle ground between transient sex and marry-me-right-now. The plan: lighthearted romance leading god knows where. I'm a handsome, friendly lawyer, 6', 190, 40, hiker, gym-goer, broad shoulders, blue eyes; funny, unpretentious, sometime poet, sometime plumber, prefer tidepools to beaches, theater to movies, outdoors to indoors. You're handsome, butch, educated, in decent shape (extra points for mildly husky), HIV-, any race, 25-35 or so; communicate well, enjoy country walks, have a spiritual side, a sense of humor, and a secret vice or two to share. Call ★★5590.

Call Me Crazy

But I'm not up on the usual city game-playing bullshit. I am a GM, 27, 5'10", br/br, part Latino, clean-cut, hoping to meet a similar GWM or GLM (21-35) who reads, thinks, loves music, and has a sense of morality deeper than "I, me, mine." Pluses: good shape, simple lifestyle, happy with less not more, painfully honest, romantic to a fault. If you're a player, save the call for some other loser. If you fit the above description, call ★★5591.

Uncut Cock Available

If you would like to sample some Wisconsin head cheese or if you prefer it freshly showered, this thick, uncut meat is currently available. Call ★★5592 now for some foreskin pleasure or write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Friendship/Relationship

GWM, 6', 170 lbs., 40ish, young-spirited, good-looking, in-shape, clean-cut, down-to-earth, HIV-, NS; seeks someone for sharing fun and good times together: movies, theater, working out (running, weights, etc.), travel, music, dining out, dining in, quiet evenings at home. I seek someone with similar qualities who is good-looking, masculine, physically active, in-shape, kind, gentle, sincere, but with a good sense of humor and solvent. Discretion respected. Respond with letter and returnable photo to PO Box 472223, SF 94176 or call ★★5593.

Stocky, Smooth & Verbal Wanted

I like W/L/A, HIV- guys, under 35, with big muscular smooth builds, semi-dominant attitudes, great personalities & good looks. I am a GWM, HIV-, 33 y.o., sporting a beautiful, muscular, hairy-chested, 6'3", 195 lb. frame. I have a great, outgoing personality, very good-looking/smile, balding head, clean-cut, very masculine (like you), self-assured & very oral. Although I'm not allergic to bars (or an occasional joint), I prefer doing outdoor things (especially skiing/sailing). I have great friends, family, job & a great life. You do too. So if you're looking for a relationship pick up the phone! Call ★★5594.

Power Men In Power Suits

Sought by good-looking Asian guy for fantasy and hot safe fun. I'm 27, smooth, lean, 5'8", 132. Willing to please hot guys in white shirts & ties, muscular chests. I like other work uniforms also. Noon or evening workouts great. Call ★★5595.

Rectal Examination

Bend over and show that hole! Older hairy balding "doctor" GWM gives exciting safe, slippery gloved rectal exam. Prostate massaged and, as your balls tugged, jack off for the doctor and provide a specimen. My patients turn on to intense fingering and ass-play. Spanking provided. Other special requests considered. Married with foreskin gets immediate appointments. Call ★★5596 or write explicit note to PO Box 151, Alameda 94501.

Handsome, Hairy, Hunky Guy

35, fit and friendly, masculine and muscular, looking to meet a dark-haired, hairy-chested guy on the beefy side. I'm HIV-, healthy and happy. You are too. Call ★★5597.

Cuddling And Conversation

Physical intimacy and a sense of closeness sought by GWM, 40, bright, musical, humorous, bald, compact build. You're WM or AM, young face, medium or heavier build. Us: NS/ND (light drinking okay), cleanshaven face. Does "just sex" leave you cold? Reply BT Box AP133A or call ★★5598. (English/Cantonese.)

Handsome, Monogamous Hunk

Very good-looking, masculine, 32 y.o. GWM, professional, with sexy, Mediterranean looks. Brown hair, brown eyes and moustache, 5'10", 165 lbs., well-built, lean, muscular body. Moderately hairy, work out 5x week. Very healthy HIV+. Good sense of humor, honest, straightforward. Very romantic and wanting to fall wildly in love with a handsome, masculine professional, 33-43 y.o., who is confident, good-natured, romantic and sexually versatile. You should be willing to commit to a monogamous relationship. No drugs/heavy drinking. Send letter & photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP134A or call ★★5599.

Smoking

Exhibitionist and voyeur seeks same. Always hot and horny for the camera. Likewise you. My preferences are: facial hair (especially beards); weight proportional to height; 35+ years old; average equipment size and your basic average looks (looking for real guys, not pretty boys). You must be a smoker. I'm into all the usual activity (HIV-) and can do kink. Please no drugs, bodybuilders, hung like a horse, heavy drinkers or S&M. Reply BT Box AP135A or call ★★5600.

Good Times, Relaxing Times

Relationship-oriented, masculine, active, healthy guy. In-shape with good body, HIV-, outdoors, sports and music interests, good conversation, quiet cuddling, sincere, discreet, honest WM, 5'7", mature but youthful 48. Seeking compatible, similar or smaller sized guy, 22-44, intelligent, fun, Asian, Hispanic, or white. Box 783, Orinda 94563 or call ★★5601.

You: Be You. I: And I

Earthy, intense, mystical, sensitive, romantic, established East Bay WM, HIV-, hairy bear, loner, ex-BB, 41, 6', 225±, seeks dark, beefy, muscular, deep, intelligent, heartful soul. Must be high-minded and muscular. Equality and long-term commitment desired. Cowabunga! Reply BT Box AP136A or call ★★5602.

Chest Fetish

GBM, 5'9", 175#, HIV-, seeks men who understand and want prolonged sensual nipple play. Party favors increasing sensitivity and toys okay. Into oral, gay/straight videos, kissing, hugging. Intercourse not necessary; if happens, safe, slow, you top. Must have true fetish. No torture! Med.-husky men a+; won't discriminate. Endowment not important. Photo (optional) returned. Reply BT Box AP137A or call ★★5603.

Pony Seeks Colt

GWM, 31, very handsome, dark hair/eyes, moustache, fairly hairy, masculine, muscular, 5'6½", 150 lbs., HIV-. Self-employed keeps me quite busy between work and gym, but still have time to share with another man. Aside from the great outdoors and work am somewhat a homebody. Like cooking and renting a movie now and then. Interested in a relationship with man of the same interests. Like men bigger than me, well-built, age not important; facial hair a plus. NS, ND. Reply: 584 Castro, #287, SF 94114 or call ★★5604.

Quantum Leap

Trapped in the body of a balding middle-aged man, this intrepid time traveler from not so long ago faces the '90s alone. Host body is 49, 5'8", 170, blue/gray, hairy, uncut. Prefers fit, masculine GWM his age or younger with body hair, good health and a pleasant disposition. Come meet this wanderer within and join his journey through time. Reply BT Box AP138A or call ★★5605.

Let's Have Fun

GWM looking for passionate, fun, professional male interested in developing a committed relationship. I'm a young 39, 5'6", trim, blond, blue-eyed, cleanshaven, HIV-, NS/ND, new to gay lifestyle. You: 30s, interested in directing & developing an honest companionship. I enjoy hiking, camping, city & home activities; are you similar? Call or send letter w/photo. Reply BT Box AP139A or call ★★5606.

Cathedral Redwood Forests

Soothe me, so I figured that short, spring hikes would be a good place to take the edge off that awkward first encounter. Let's walk and share our ideas, interests, hopes, sexual politics, or just enjoy some of the E. Bay Hills together. Or meet in The City for a walk or run in Golden Gate Park. I'm a slim, 6'1", 175#, brown hair, hazel eyes, 43-yr-old man with lots of depth, a perceptive intelligence, spiritual practice, who values intelligent and emotional interchange over gym-toned bodies and excellent beauty. There are several levels you can weight in at here: one-time/good-time nature buddy, potential friend and ally, future traveling companero, potential partner big time. The last category brings to mind a wounded hero or man of substance who is psychologically literate, patient, and who may or may not share some of my interests—just a strong sense of mutual attraction. Ultimately, you can expect to press your strengths and weaknesses up against me without me falling away, as we play off one another, testing those openings and limitations of our rapport. We can make the initial venture as light or intense as we feel. Spring hikes have their own rewards. Reply BT Box AP140A or call ★★5607.

Regular Guy With A Few Kinks Around The Edges

Seeking cuddly studly men for dating, sex, potentially LTR. Gdlkg WM, 41, 5'8", 140#, hithy

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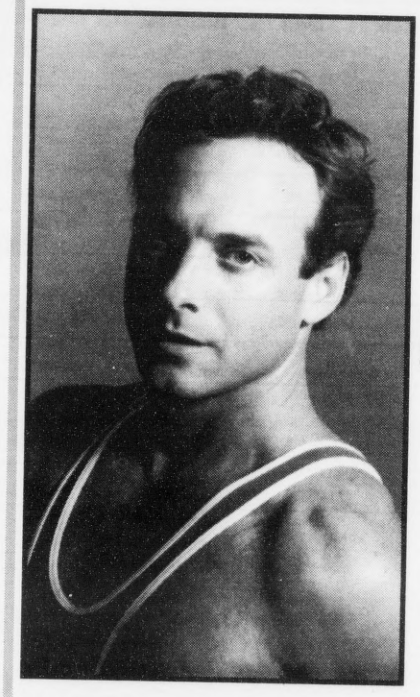

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HIV+, weekday SF professional, on my own time prefer sweats/501s, varied indoor/outdoor interests, quality time with friends. Sexually tending to bottom but right chem equals versatility, always lots of affection and cuddling but with a good mix of mild kink and raunch. My cuddly studly should be outgoing, masculine, naturally tactile & affectionate but also a bit kinky, in good physical shape, finds fun and laughs easily, creative. Prefer (don't require) 20s-30s, under 6'1", body hair, muscles or stocky, Oak-Berk area. Call ★★5608.

Heart, Mind, Body & Soul

To share with the right man in idyllic Mendocino country setting. Seeking full-time companion or weekend lover. I'm 43, attractive, in good shape, 6'1", 170#, w/blue eyes, light brown hair & beard. Scandinavian/Irish, healthy, HIV+. I'm attracted to warm-hearted, interesting and witty men with sturdy, muscular builds, preferably younger and shorter than myself. I'm into music (baroque to bossa nova), architecture, The City, gardening, dancing (CW, salsa), progressive politics, contempoary art film, multiculturalism, ethnic art, travel, Latino America (speak some Spanish) and ecological living. I'm easygoing, hard-working, social, philosophical, an affectionate lover, versatile, endowed, with a positive outlook on life and love. Not a smoker, drinker or drug user. Letter, photo: PO Box 1575, Mendocino 95460.

Handsome Beefy Guy Wants Relationship

Masculine, in-shape (6'1", 185#, HIV-, NS), "non-mainstream scene" Italian (dark hair, eyes, w/moustache) wants to meet a confident, dominant and unaffected "regular guy" w/some depth, who's near my size and age (i.e., 30-45 y.o.). I'm stable, successful and sincere but have an extremely playful and adventurous nature w/many interests. These include the outdoors (e.g., camping, hiking, bicycling), scuba diving, motorcycles, BB, zen, music and knowing how to make the right guy feel good. Let's connect and see what happens! Call ★★5609.

Just One Man

Masc. relationship-oriented GWM, emotionally and financially stable, wants to connect w/one special man for dating and LTR possibilities. Varied interests: leather, CW dancing, gym, outdoors, theater, and just staying at home. Sharing, communications, a sense of humor and touching are important. Stats: nice-looking, 5'8", 160, br/br, moustache w/trim beard, very healthy HIV+ (your status not vital). Sexually, very oral, enjoy giving/receiving good tit work, Greek/P. You: prefer 35+, NS/light drinker OK, moustache and/or beard, bigger than me, and serious about this ad. Reply BT Box AP141A or call ★★5610.

Brains, Looks And A Passionate Heart

I'm quite a catch, but so are you. Let's unite and develop an intimate, powerful, monogamous relationship. I'm smart (Phi Beta Kappa) and currently pursuing a Stanford doctoral degree. I'm masculine and—according to impartial jurors—strikingly handsome (thick, dark brown hair; green eyes). Tennis, running and biking keep my body trip and muscular. Most importantly, my loving, affectionate, expressive nature defines me. I think you'll enjoy both my jousting sense of playfulness and my thoughtful, reflective sides. Expect to share lively conversations, romantic strolls through the foothills at dusk, moonlit picnics on the beach, and unbridled passion from me (we're both HIV-). Don't be surprised if I reach out to give you a deep, forceful kiss when you least expect it (you just drive me wild!). It's key that you, too, are intensely loving and affectionate. Other turn-ons: music (Mozart, singing, jazz...), teaching and learning, art (drawing, Monet, sculpture, colors...), gourmet food, the great outdoors (Big Sur, hiking, oceans, mountains...), a sexy man wearing a good suit and necktie, science, playing with kids and dogs. Turn-offs: drugs, cigarettes, excessive weight, religiousness, or hair loss. Please write me a detailed, thoughtful letter describing yourself. Include what you'd ask if a magic genie popped out of nowhere to grant you three wishes. (A returnable photo is a must.) Thank you for taking the time to respond to PO Box 9468, Stanford 94309.

I Need And Want

To meet someone for a passionate, sharing, caring and growing together relationship. To me it entails: friendship, love, romance and the importance of listening to each other with acceptance. Or at the least open-minded understanding for who we are. A willingness to work at a relationship. I am a GWM 42-yr-old, who looks much younger. Very attractive, muscular/masculine. I am 5'5", 140 lbs., brown eyes and brown hair (what remains). Hardworking type of guy. My HIV status is positive. I prefer someone with the same status. My interests are movies, politics, going to the gym, some sports, comedy acts, theater, dining out, making desserts, hiking and you. Most of all I would enjoy relaxing, quiet evenings, being intimate with each other, having fun exploring our sexuality. What I need from another man is a warm personality who shows affection. Someone who is not afraid to ask for what he needs. I would like to meet an attractive, masculine guy with a gym-toned body. A person who is taller than myself. Being independent yet dependent, a companion, cuddling is essential, spirituality a plus. As for safe sex, I am versatile but like an aggressive partner. You must be a nonsmoker and do not like going to bars. Your photo will get mine. Reply BT Box AP142A or call ★★5611.

Sleep With An Angel

Affectionate, nurturing, clean-cut, very handsome, nice bod GBM, HIV-, 37, 6'2", 165, welcomes a man 40+ who has strong open arms, is self-assured and caring. Ability to communicate interest in another besides one's own self-interest. Sound values: integrity, fidelity and a good heart are more important than your looks or race. Drop a note to BT Box AP143A or call ★★5612. You'll be able to soar with this Angel.

Do You Believe In...

The power of God to change lives, two men living together as "one," fidelity and monogamy, asking God's guidance within a relationship, building a relationship upon Christ? If so, maybe we should meet! I'm 25, Asian-American background, tall, 175 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, trim moustache and considered attractive and intelligent. I'm seeking to meet a liturgically oriented GWM between 30-40, masculine, facial haired and/or hirsute, but most important of all, someone with a good heart who knows how to be honest and is seeking God as I am daily. My interests are: movies, museums, quiet times, good food, long drives, warm talks, and enjoyment of all other things God offers in life. I believe a wholesome relationship is based on prayer, trust and truth with a balance of emotional, spiritual and physical compatibility. I'm intense yet playful, love to laugh, morally conservative but at "home" with my sexuality. If you're serious about seeking a meaningful relationship, send a detailed letter or leave message. All responses answered. Blessed Easter! Reply BT Box AP144A or call ★★5613.

Feet

GWM, mid-30s, muscular, seeks others into bare feet—experienced or novice—3-ways OK. If this is something that turns you on or something you might like to try, let me hear from you. Call ★★5614.

Gay Man Of The '90s

Goal: Friendships and relationship-oriented. Attractive, mature GWM, s/p, short/hazel, stocky maintained build, 6'1", 185#, moustache, clean-cut, tanned, masculine, HIV-, moderate cocktailer, NS, ND (joints, poppers okay). Outdoorsman, 501s, leather, western image. Romantic, intelligent, sense of humor, creative career, w/multi-varied interests. Sexually very adventurous, Blow Buddies plus+, great cocksucker (cock fixated), hot kisser, versatile, endowed u/c cock, chest hair surrounds pierced pecs, armband tattoos. Into good sex, touch, cuddling, massaging and intimacy (reciprocation definitely accepted). You're... 40+, GWM, rugged appearance, masculine, tall—weight in proportion. If you smoke, drink or are HIV+, unimportant! Reasonably endowed, clean, beard?/moustache, romantic, loves animals/environment, fun-loving and honest. You love to hug & kiss, unafraid of publicly holding hands or touch, affectionate, videos, romantic music. You live to enjoy life's daily pleasures, your reality not illusions. Please respond w/photo (returnable) to BT Box AP145A or call ★★5615.

Enchanted April

April may be the kindest month for gentle souls who appreciate reliability, communication, empathy, cuddling, romance, tender kisses, exercise and the joy of living. I am GWM, 38, in good humor, 5'8", trim, HIV-, cleanshaven, brown hair/eyes, friendly smile and curious about everything. No smoking, drinking please. Here's hoping friendship may sprout into something special. Reply BT Box AP146A or call ★★5616.

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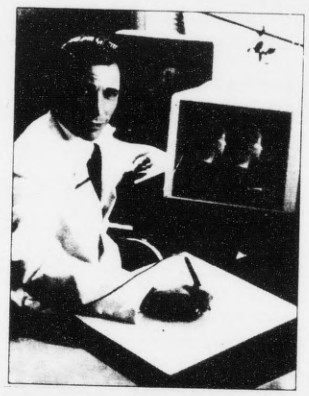

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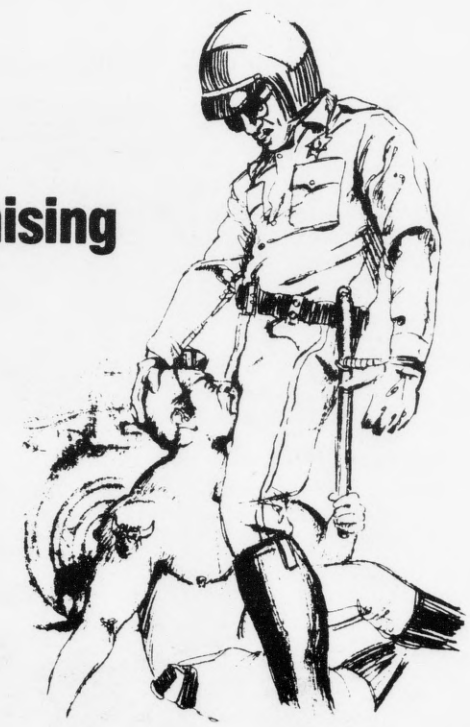

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